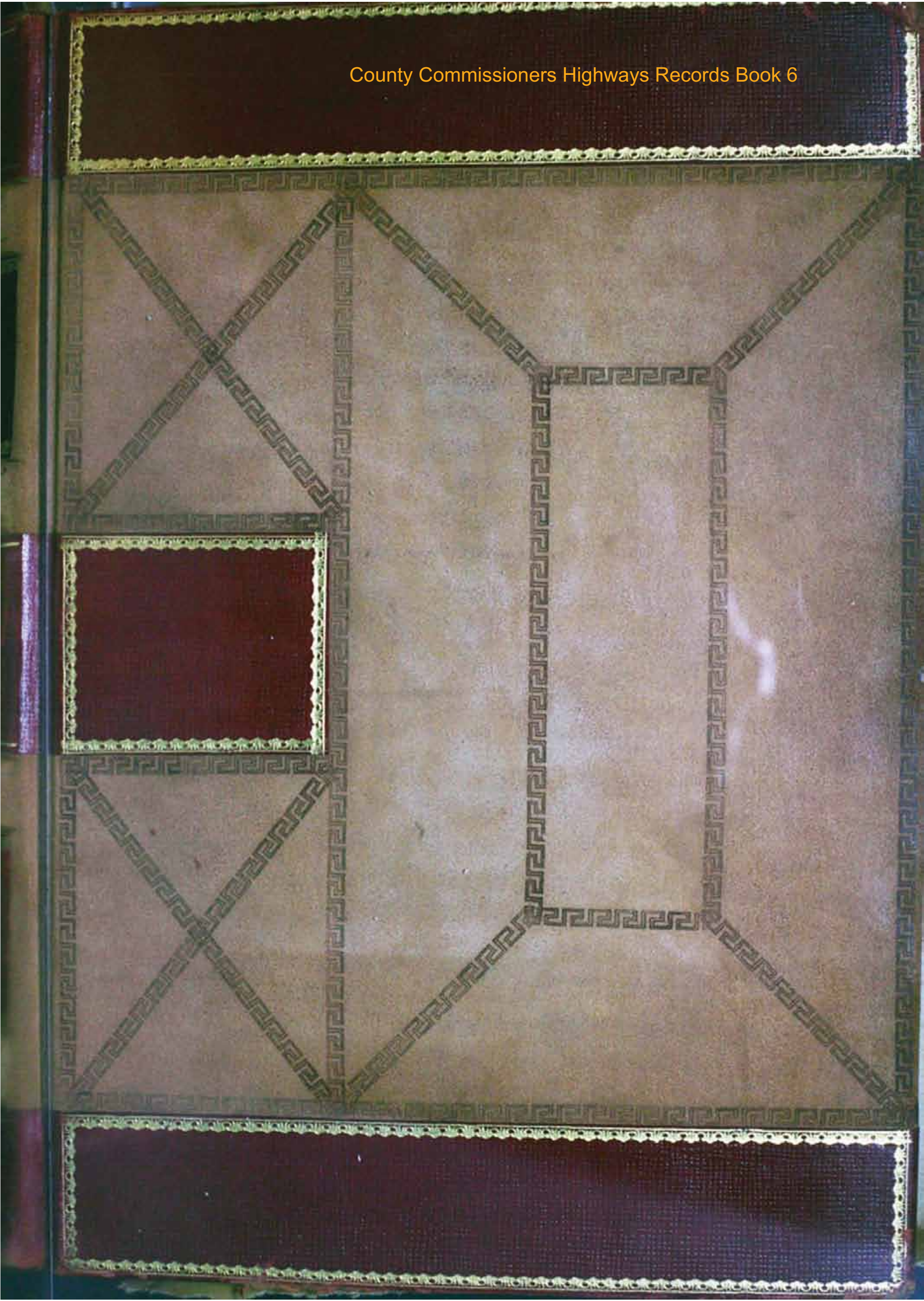


County Commissioners Highways Records Book 6





1.

Elihu Smith & others  
for alteration of Highway  
in Palomar.

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
We your petitioners Inhabitants of Thoudike and vicinity  
humbly represent, that the road leading from Thoudike  
Village to Ware Village, beginning near the store occupied  
by William N. Packard and running Northwesterly to the road  
leading from Bondsville to Ware is circuitous and narrow,  
and needs attention, being the nearest road to Ware where  
the mail passes between the Villages twice every day.

We therefore request that you would view said road and  
make such alterations as in your opinion shall be for  
the benefit of the Community, and as in duty bound  
we ever remain.

Elihu Smith & others.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

The foregoing petition was  
entered At a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden  
at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth  
Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty three.

And now signed by the said Commissioners. At which meeting the Commis-  
sioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper,  
gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view,  
at the dwelling house of Charles Foster in Palomar on Friday  
the fifth day of August next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it  
was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon  
the Clerk of the town of Palomar in said County, thirty days, at  
least, before the said fifth day of August, and that all other  
persons and corporations interested therein be satisfied, by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palomar  
Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three  
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at  
least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts con-  
taining the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by  
said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Palomar  
fourteen days before said fifth day of August, and that notice  
be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations  
interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the  
same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.



And this petition was continued to the adjourned term of said meeting held by the Commissioners for said County on the Seventeenth of September eighteen hundred and fifty three at which said adjourned meeting, the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 18<sup>th</sup> 1853— Pursuant to the within order of the County Commissioners, I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Palmer as within directed by delivering in hand to Ebenezer Brown Clerk of said town of Palmer on the fifth day of July at three o'clock in the afternoon a true and attested copy of the within petition and order thereon, and on the sixteenth day of said July by posting up copies of this petition and order thereon, at the Post office and at the public house of C. D. Foster in said Palmer being more than fourteen days before the said fifth day of August.

Chester Strong Deputy Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Eliza Smith and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from Paradise Village to Ware village, beginning near the store occupied by William A. Palmer and running Northerly by the road leading from Danversville to Ware is circuitous and narrow, and needs attention being the nearest road to Ware where the mail passes between the Villages twice every day, and requesting the Commissioners to view said road and make such attention as shall be for the benefit of the Community, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the fifth day of August then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Charles Foster in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Palmer being the town



within which such alterations are purged for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Palmar said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmar Journal a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for considering said view.

And on the said fifth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the adjourned meeting of the Commissioners as held at Springfield aforesaid, on the Seventh day of September then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that their petition should be granted.

William B. Calhoun one of the County Commissioners being absent after due notice Robert E. Davis one of the Special Commissioners acted in his stead

Alma Homer	}	County
George C. Gills		Commissioners
R E Davis		Special Commissioners

which upon being read and considered was accepted and the alterations in said road as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which said adjourned meeting, the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Charles Foster in Palmar on Thursday the twentieth day of October next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmar Journal a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twentieth day of October: — And it was further ordered by the



County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy  
serve the clerk of the town of Palmer, with a copy of said petition  
and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing  
the substance thereof in two public places in said town of  
Palmer fourteen days at least before the said twentieth day  
of October at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to  
locate said Abstractions, and will hear all persons and Corpora-  
tions interested therein, who may then and there desire to  
be heard, and effect such changes as in their opinion may  
be just and proper, by reason of the location of said  
Abstractions

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to  
this meeting: — And the Sheriff of said County in  
pursuance of said order makes his return as follows,

Hampden Jr September 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

By virtue of the within order, I  
delivered a true and attested copy of this petition and  
order, to the Town Clerk of Palmer, and also posted up  
in two public places in said town abstracts containing the  
substance of said petition and the order of the County  
Commissioners thereon as within directed.

Patrick Boise, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in  
writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Jr.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of  
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County,  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eight-  
een hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Edwin Smith and others, then presented  
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the  
road leading from Thorncliffe Village to Ware Village  
beginning near the store occupied by William N Packard  
and running westerly by the road leading from Bond-  
ville to Ware is circuitous and narrow and needs altera-  
tions being the nearest road to Ware, where the mail  
passes between the villages twice every day, and requesting the  
Commissioners to view said road and make such Abstractions  
as in their opinion should be for the benefit of the community.  
As by said petition on file will appear.



The Commissioners, receiving a view of the premises proposed, appointed Friday the fifth day of August their next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Charles Foster in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such location and alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for considering said view.

And on the said fifth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the adjourned meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the seventh day of September then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that their petition should be granted.

William B. Calhoun one of the County Commissioners being absent after due notice Robert E. Bunker one of the Special Commissioners acted in his stead: — And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twentieth day of October then next; and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Charles Foster in said Palmer as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and make said alterations, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed, for such location and alterations in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as it by law in such case made



and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an Abstract of said petition instead of a Copy thereof) on the said twentieth day of October met and adjourned to the twenty seventh of Oct. at Nine O'clock A.M. & then met and proceeded to make the location and alterations.

Commencing at a Stone monument standing on the Westward side of the highway leading from Howell Hastings to Bondville, and running thence South Sixty Six & a half degrees West, Sixty four & a half rods to a Stone monument: Thence South fifty nine & a half degrees West, thirty five rods to a Stone monument: Thence South fifty one degrees West, thirteen rods and twenty links to a Stone monument on the line of division between lands of Waterman Fuller and Elisha & Charles Smith: Thence South, thirty nine & a half degrees West, thirteen rods to a Stone monument: Thence South, thirty two & a quarter degrees West, twenty four rods to a Stone monument: Thence South, twenty five & a half degrees West, twenty rods to an Iron bolt driven into the heart of a large pine stump, thence South forty two & a half degrees West, forty rods to a Stone monument: Thence South, eight & a half degrees West, eighteen rods to a Stone monument: Thence South two & a half degrees West, Sixty two rods to a Chestnut tree: Thence South three & a half degrees East, twenty five rods & twenty three links to a Stone monument: Thence South four & a quarter degrees West, thirty one rods & eighteen links to a Stone monument: Thence South twenty three & a half degrees West, four rods to a Stone monument: Thence South thirty one & a quarter degrees West two rods to a Stone monument: Thence South fifty four & three quarters degrees West, four rods and seven links to a Stone monument on the Easterly line of the highway leading from Thompkins Village to Belchertown: The lines being run on the right hand or Westward side of the location which is made three rods wide the entire distance: — The road had to be widened eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches or room for the water to run, the road to be made crossing so that water will run each way from the center of the traveled path, and the grade of that portion commencing at Samuel Henrys door yard, and running Westward, to the center of a hollow to be made uniform from the South Westward



corner of said Henrys door yard for a distance of eighteen rods, at which point the surface is to be raised four feet above the present traveled path: Thence uniform for eleven rods at which point a cutting of two feet will be required: Thence uniform to the front gate of George W. Fullers door yard, and from that point to be uniform to the next angle of location, at this point a cutting of six inches will be required, then uniform to the next monument, at this point a cutting of one foot will be required, Thence uniform to the next monument, and thence uniform to the pine stump:—

The road bed for twenty rods north of the Chestnut to be uniform, and uniform for twenty five rods south of said tree, and from this point uniform to the intersection with Baldhustons road. The center of Location is to be regarded as the center of the traveled path from the commencement of location, to the point near the Chestnut tree, from this it may veer to the West if necessary:— All sandy places to be hardened with gravel or loam that will tread, Stone Sluices to be made where necessary, the banks on the side of the road where over four feet high to be brought to a grade of forty five degrees: All stumps and stones to be removed from the traveled path:— Good and permanent railings to be placed where necessary, the sides not to be less than five inches at the small end.

The whole to be done in a workman like and skillful manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the fifteenth of June next. Having made such alterations as aforesaid, and heard all persons upon the question of damages occasioned thereby, the said Commissioners proceeded to apportion the same as follows viz,

To Samuel Henry	Sixty five dollars	\$ 65.00
" Charles Smith	Ten dollars	10.00
" Timothy Fernal	Fifty dollars	50.00
" Jacob B. Merrick	Seventy dollars	70.00

Ordered to have till the fifteenth of next April to remove timber, Wood & fruit trees

Springfield Dec. 27. 1853.

Almon Homer } County Commissioner  
George C. Gibbs }  
R. E. Bemis } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as a public highway.



In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
We the undersigned Selectmen of Brimfield in said County in pursu-  
- suance of instructions by a Vote passed at a town meeting held on  
the fourteenth day of June One thousand eight hundred and  
fifty three, do hereby represent to your honorable board, that the  
old road leading from Brimfield to Worsen & Palmer and  
commencing near the house of Sumner Parker and ending  
a few rods West of the house of the Widow Sarah Charles, has  
been discontinued so far as the land of the said Parker  
extends, leaving the Westerly part of said road open, and  
we do further represent, that said road is calculated  
to mislead the public travel, and is a source of expense  
and inconvenience to the town. — We therefore humbly  
pray your board to view said road and discontinue  
the same

Brimfield June 16. 1853

Nathaniel P. Robinson & others }  
Selectmen of Brimfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty three.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of  
the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they  
would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling  
house of Widow Sarah Charles in Brimfield on Tuesday the  
ninth day of August next, at four o'clock P.M.: and it  
was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,  
upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield in said County,  
thirty days, at least, before the said ninth day of August,  
and that all other persons and corporations interested therein  
be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and the order  
thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners,  
that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy,  
in two public places in the town of Brimfield, fourteen days  
before said ninth day of August, and that notice be given in  
manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested,

Selectmen of Brimfield  
due to discontinuance of  
road in Brimfield.



that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the adjournment of said meeting holden by the Commissioners for said County on the seventh day of September eighteen hundred and fifty three.

At which said adjourned meeting, the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 7<sup>th</sup> 1853 - I hereby certify that I have this day served the within petition and order on the town Clerk of said town of Brimfield Henry L. Brown by giving him in hand a true and attested copy of this petition and order as within directed and on the seventh day of the same July I posted up in two public places in said town of Brimfield copies of this petition and abstracts of this order in the store of J. D. G. A. Brown and in the Hotel kept by George C. Homer in said town as within directed.

John P. Constock Deputy Sheriff

At said adjourned meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Brimfield then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, in pursuance of instructions by a vote passed at a Town meeting holden on the fourteenth day of June eighteen hundred and fifty three that the old road leading from Brimfield to Monroeville and Palmer, and commencing near the House of Sumner Parker and ending a few rods west of the House of the Widow Sarah Chute has been discontinued so far as the land of said Parker extends, leaving the westerly part of said road open, and that said road is calculated to mislead the public travel and is a source of expense and inconvenience to them, and praying the Commissioners to view said road and discontinue that source, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the seventh day of August there next at four o'clock in



the afternoon, at the house of Widow Smith Charles in said Brimfield at the  
time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of  
said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of said Brimfield  
being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty  
days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also  
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof,  
to be posted in two public places in (Brimfield) said town: and also  
gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said  
petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield  
Republican a newspaper published in said County, said  
posting and the last publication of said copy having been  
fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said  
view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners  
gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing  
notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time  
and place for commencing said view.

And on the said ninth day of August the Commissioners  
met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
view the premises, and having viewed the same, the  
further consideration thereof was deferred till the adjourned  
meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid,  
on the Seventh day of September then next.

At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the  
hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and  
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after  
considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that  
the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

And that the road mentioned in said petition, beginning  
at Thomas Parkers West line and running by the house  
of Widow Smith Charles to the point where it intersects the  
Monson & Palmer road be and is hereby discontinued.

William B. Calhoun one of the Commissioners being  
absent, and Alvin Homer being a resident of Brimfield  
Robert E. Bemis and Daniel G. White Special Commis-  
sioners being duly notified of their neglect on the petition

George C. Gibbs County Commissioner

Daniel G. White } Special

R. E. Bemis } Commissioners

And the further consideration of the report on said  
petition was continued to this meeting.

And now the said report being read and considered



is accepted and said road discontinued as by said report.

Bennett L. Smith & others  
pet. for alteration of H.  
wy. in Chispe

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
Respectfully represent your petitioners that the Highway  
called Center Street in Cabotville in the town of Chispe is  
very crooked, and that the public convenience demands that  
it should be altered and straightened in some manner as  
follows.— Beginning at the South East corner of land  
owned by Bennett L. Smith on the West side of said Center  
Street and running a straight line about ten rods north  
the land of Abner Whit and R. E. Roberts to the North  
East Corner of land lately owned by Gershom M. Bigelow  
and making a corresponding alteration, or such alteration  
for the East line of the road, as your Honor's board shall see  
fit.— Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that the  
subject of this petition may be taken into consideration  
and such action had thereon as the public good and  
convenience may require.

Bennett L. Smith & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty three.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the Cabot House in  
Chispe on Sunday the ninth day of August next, at nine  
o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that  
a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or  
his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chispe in said County,  
thirty days, at least, before the said ninth day of August,  
and that all other persons and corporations interested therein  
be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this  
order thereon, in the Chispe Weekly Journal, a public New-  
spaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in  
two public places in the town of Chispe fourteen days before said  
ninth day of August, and that notice be given in manner  
aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the



County Commissioners desire a view of the premises expedient and proper,  
and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time  
and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the adjourned term of said  
meeting, holden by the Commissioners for said County, on the eighth  
day of September eighteen hundred and fifty three.

At which adjourned meeting the Sheriff of said County made  
his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 4<sup>th</sup> 1853— I served the Town Clerk of  
Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition and Order  
by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two  
public places in said town two copies of this petition and  
Order, more than fourteen days before the time of said  
meeting.  
N. Gentle Dep't Sheriff—

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in  
writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County,  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Benjamin Swift and others, then  
presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth  
that the Highway called Center Street in Cabelville in the  
Town of Chicopee is very crooked, and that the Public con-  
venience demands that it should be altered and straightened  
in some manner as follows: Beginning at the South  
East corner of land owned by Benjamin Swift on the west  
side of said Center Street and running a straight line about  
ten rods across the land of Abner Whit and A. E. Robinson  
to the Northeast corner of land lately owned by Gershom  
Bigelow, and making a corresponding alteration or such  
alteration for the East line of the road as the Commissioners  
shall see fit, and praying that the subject of their petition  
may be taken into consideration and such action had  
thereon as the Public good and convenience may require,  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient,  
appointed Tuesday the ninth day of August there next, and



at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in the town of  
Chicopee at the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused  
a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of  
Chicopee: being the town within which such attention and  
location of road are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time  
appointed for said view: And also caused abstracts of said petition,  
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in  
said town: And also gave notice to all persons interested by causing  
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the  
Chicopee Weekly Journal a newspaper published in said County,  
said posting and the last publication of said copy having been  
fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and  
before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like  
manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all  
persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said ninth day of August, the Commissioners met  
at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,  
and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined  
to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having  
heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider  
and adjudge upon the prayer of said petitioners: and after  
considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there  
adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that  
the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

William B. Colburn Chairman of the board being absent, the other  
members of the board (there being no opposition) proceeded to view  
and act on said petition.

Abner Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners.

which report being read and considered was accepted and the  
attention in said road as specified in said report adjudged of  
Common Convenience and Necessity.

At which said adjourned meeting the Commissioners ordered  
that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein  
that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in  
Chicopee on Friday the twenty first day of October next, at  
nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said  
Attention, by publishing an abstract of said petition and that  
order thereon in the Republican, a public newspaper printed in  
said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to  
be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of



October:— And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Chicopee, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Chicopee fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of October, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations; and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may there and there desire to be heard and offer such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting:— And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. October 14<sup>th</sup> 1853— I served the town Clerk of Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Attest: Deput Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three

On the petition of Benjamin Sewitt and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Highway called Center Street in Cabotville in the town of Chicopee is very crooked, and that the public convenience demands that it should be altered and straightened in some manner as follows: Beginning at the South East corner of land owned by Benjamin Sewitt on the west side of said Center Street, and running a straight line about ten rods across the land of Alonzo Whit and A. E. Robinson, to the North East corner of land lately owned by Gershon M. Bigelow, and making corresponding alterations or such alteration for the East line of the road as



The Commissioners shall see fit: — as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the ninth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Cabot House in Cambridge, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such attention is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Weekly Journal, a newspaper in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said ninth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the said Adjourned meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid on the eighth day of September then next, at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the twenty first day of October then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Cabot House in said Town as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate and widen said highway: And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the purpose above named, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case, made and provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day



of October said commissioners met and proceeded to widen said highway as follows, viz. Commencing at a point on the west line of said Centre Street, and one hundred and twenty feet south of the Northeast corner of Benning Leavitts house lot, and from thence runs South, fourteen degrees & thirty six minutes West, one hundred and five feet and nine inches, to a stake in the ground: Thence South twenty eight & a half degrees West, Seventy six feet & six inches to a post at the South east corner of R. E. Robertsons lot. And on the west line of said Street, the widening extends Easterly so far as to include all the land lying between the lines above run and the west line of the present Street.

Having made the alterations aforesaid and having heard all persons who desired to be heard on the question of damages occasioned thereby the Commissioners proceeded to apportion the same as follows, viz.

To R. E. Robertson Fifty dollars 50.00

" Abner Wait Fifty dollars 50.00

Benning Leavitt having released the damages for the land taken from his lot.

Wm. B. Colburn Esq. being unable to attend, notice was given the other members of the board to Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Abner Horner } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commisf.

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road as above established as for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The undersigned respectfully present, that at a legal  
Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chester,  
held & convened on the Eleventh day of June eighteen  
hundred and fifty three: The undersigned were appointed  
a Committee and directed to petition your Honorable  
board to view the contemplated road ordered to be  
built in the town of Chester on the petition of R. L.  
Bromley & others: also the road on the petition of  
C. W. Haver & others leading from the bridge near  
Melvin Copeland's house West to the house of R. L. J.  
Pomroy on which specific repairs were ordered by  
Forbes Kyle & al.  
Pet. for Discontin-  
of H. way in Chester  
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your Honorable board. And after viewing the same to discontinue the order for building the Bromley road, and also the order for repairs on the Copeland road, and in duty bound will comply.

In behalf of the Town of Chester

Chester June 13. 1853.

J. Kyle } Committee  
Joshua Morris }

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John Parker in Norwich on Tuesday the sixth day of September next, at nine o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chester in said County, thirty days, at least before the said sixth day of September. And that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereof, in the Springfield Republican or public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view: And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chester fourteen days before said sixth day of September, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. August 2<sup>d</sup> 1853 - By virtue of the within order I delivered a true and attested copy of this petition and of the order, to the Town Clerk of Chester, and also posted up in two public places in the Town of Chester abstracts of said petition and order containing the substance thereof as within directed. ? Patrick Brice Sheriff



And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred fifty three

On the petition of Parker Kyle and Joshua Benier Committee of the Town of Chester then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chester duly convened on the eleventh day of June eighteen hundred fifty three, they were appointed a committee, and directed to petition the County Commissioners to view the contemplated road ordered to be built in the town of Chester on the petition of Ad. Bromley and others; also the road on the petition of C. A. Dewey & others leading from the Bridge near Melvin Copeland's house west to the house of Ad. Pomeroy on which specific repairs were ordered by the County Commissioners, and after viewing the same, to discontinue the order for building the Bromley road, and also the order for repairs on the Copeland road: — As by said petition on file will appear. — The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the sixth day of September then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Parker in Norwich as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view and on the said sixth day of September the Commissioners



met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: And having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there, — Conclude that they have no jurisdiction in the matter, in consequence of the roads named in the petition now being in the County of Hampshire.

William B. Calhoun one of the Commissioners being absent after due notice Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners acted in his stead

Almon Horner } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commis-  
sioner

which upon being read and considered is accepted, and the petition ordered to be dismissed, without costs.

Selection of Refuse  
Blanford for to  
discontinue a Highway  
in Blanford Refuse

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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
We the undersigned Selection of the Town of Refuse and  
Blanford, would respectfully represent that in our opinion  
the interests of the Community as well as that of the traveling  
public, and much expense saved both to towns and County by  
the discontinuance of certain portions of road recently laid  
on the petition of Justus Knapp & others, reference being had to  
said order and location for particular description thereof.

Your petitioners respectfully request your Honors to view  
said located road, commencing near the house of Wm D.  
Mallory in Refuse and extending through the towns of Refuse  
and Blanford to Otis line, with a view to discontinue such  
portions, and make such alterations of the present location as  
the Public good may require, also order such specific repairs  
in the grading and hardening of hills as may be by you  
deemed necessary, and as in duty bound will ever remain,

W. W. Crosby & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

At which Meeting the Commissioners having a view of the premises  
specified and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose  
of said view, at the dwelling house of W. W. Crosby in Refuse on



Wednesday the twenty sixth day of October next, at nine o'clock A.M. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Russell & Blanford in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said twenty sixth day of October, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County. Three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Russell & Blanford fourteen days before said twenty sixth day of October and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners desire a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. September 24<sup>th</sup> 1853. — By virtue of the within order I delivered true and attested Copies of this petition and order to the Town Clerks of Russell and Blanford respectively, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns of Russell & Blanford, abstracts containing the substance of said petition and of the order of the County Commissioners thereon.

Patrick Boise Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three

On the petition of W.W. Crosby & others Selectmen of the towns of Russell & Blanford, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the interest of the Community, as well as that



of the traveling public and much expense saved both to towns and the County, by the discontinuance of certain portions of road recently laid on the petition of Justus Knox and others reference being had to said order and location for a particular description thereof. Your Petitioners respectfully request your Honor to view said located road commencing near the House of Wm. D. Mallory in Russell and extending through the towns of Russell & Blanford to Otis line; with a view to discontinuance such portions and make such alterations of the present location as the public good may require. Also order such specific repairs in the grading and hardening of hills as may be by you deemed necessary. — as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twenty sixth day of October their next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of W. W. Crosby in Russell as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Russell & Blanford, being the towns within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield Standard, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty sixth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the adjourned meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of November their next at which meeting the parties were heard, and the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition should be granted. —

And after adjudging as aforesaid, no person interested



appearing to object proceeded forthwith to locate such discontinuance and alterations as follows:

Beginning at a point in Phelps bearing forty & a quarter degrees West two rods from a stone standing on the Eastern side of the road, Northwesterly of William D. Mallorys dwelling house, and then running the center line of the highway as located, the angles on the right hand or Northwesterly side having stone monuments set in the ground where other monuments are not referred to, North forty nine and three quarter degrees West ninety four rods; then North seventy degrees West, eighteen rods and twenty links; Then North seventy seven degrees West fifty five rods and twenty two links; Then North eighty three degrees West fourteen rods and ten links; Then North forty eight & a half degrees West sixteen rods; Then North eighty four & three quarter degrees West twenty rods, then South eighty six and three quarter degrees West, eight rods; Then South fifty eight & one third degrees West ten rods; Then South, sixty nine degrees West twelve rods and twelve links to a point near the top of the hill opposite Vestus Parkers Saw mill; Then North sixty nine and a quarter degrees West twelve rods and sixteen links; Then North fifty eight & a quarter degrees West five rods and sixteen links to a small Brook bridge; Then South Seventy four & three quarter degrees West sixteen rods and sixteen links; Then North eighty one degrees West ten rods; Then North thirty nine & a half degrees West six rods & nineteen links; Then North nineteen & a quarter degrees West four rods & twelve links; Then North forty nine degrees West, four rods; Then North sixty degrees & forty minutes West ten rods; Then North nineteen & a half degrees West twenty eight rods; Then North forty six & one sixth degrees West twenty seven rods; Then North fifty six & three fourth degrees West thirty two rods to a point opposite the North East corner of Holmes Saw mill; Then North fifty four & a quarter degrees West eighteen rods & eight links; Then North sixty seven degrees West, eight rods & twelve links; Then South eighty nine & three quarter degrees West, thirty three rods & six links to a point in front of Bishops Saw mill; Then North fifty six degrees & five minutes West, forty four rods to a point in front of Lucius B. Bishops dwelling house;



Then North fifty seven degrees & twenty five minutes West, thirty four rods and fifteen links, thus far the road is located four rods wide: Then North Twenty four & a quarter degrees West twenty seven rods & fifteen links to a Station number twenty six: At the beginning of this Station the road is located four rods wide and narrowed so as to be three rods wide at the end of the Station: Then beginning the Stations run a little east of great brook so called; Then run South, eighty eight degrees West, twenty five rods & fifteen links: Then North eighty five degrees West fifteen rods & eleven links, Then North Twenty degrees thirty minutes West fifteen rods & twelve links: Then North Twenty six degrees thirty minutes West, thirteen rods three links: Then South Twenty eight degrees West, eighteen rods & twenty links: Then North eighty seven degrees West, nine rods twenty one links: Then North eighty three degrees West eleven rods eighteen links: Then North Sixty five degrees West four rods twenty links: Then North Forty four degrees West five rods eighteen links: Then North fifty six degrees West six rods eight links: Then North Sixty five degrees West, eight rods: Then North eighty degrees West, twenty nine rods: Then North Sixty degrees West twenty nine rods & eighteen links to the Stone Station number eleven: Then North Seventy two degrees West ten rods & five links to Station twelve: From the end of Station twenty six to this point the road is laid three rods wide, the line run on the north side.

Then North Sixty nine degrees thirty five minutes West, twenty four rods, on Station number thirteen, on this Station the road widens to four rods at the westerly end thereof: Then North Sixty seven degrees and ten minutes West, eighty rods to a point opposite the dwelling House of Jacob Heath: Then North Sixty three degrees & a quarter West forty rods: Then North Sixty five degrees & thirty five minutes West, forty rods on Station number sixteen, From Station number thirteen the road is four rods wide, the line run being in the center.

Then beginning at the Southwest corner of James Chase's Garden at a Stone marked Station number sixteen: Then run North fifty six degrees thirty minutes West, twenty rods eight links: Then North Sixty two degrees West, thirteen rods ten links to a Stone monument on line between Russell & Blandford: Then North Seventy three degrees West, thirty three rods to Station number twenty, since line being run on the North side of said road, which is three rods wide



Then running South eighty one and three quarter degrees West twenty  
three rods and eight links, on Station number twenty one, on this station  
the road widens to four rods at the westerly end; Then North eighty  
four and a quarter degrees West, fourteen rods; Then South eighty one degree  
thirty five minutes West, eight rods; Then North seventy three and a quarter  
degrees West, twelve rods; Then South eighty five and a half degrees  
West, fourteen rods; Then North eighty five degrees West, thirteen  
rods & eight links; Then South eighty one degree West, twenty  
three rods; Then North seventy and a quarter degrees West, seven  
rods; Then North seventy three degrees & ten minutes West, nine-  
teen rods to a point in line with the westerly side of Silas  
Dwyers dwelling House; Then North seventy five and a half degrees  
West twenty seven rods & six links; Then North eighty two  
& three quarter degrees West, seventeen rods & three links;  
Then North eighty nine degrees & thirty five minutes West,  
twenty one rods & sixteen links; Then North seventy nine  
degrees West, ninety six rods; Then North fifty nine degrees  
West, nine rods & twenty one links to a point bearing South  
thirty one degrees West, two rods from an Oak tree standing  
Westerly of the old Toll house; Then North forty and a half  
degrees West, twenty rods; Then North thirty six & one  
sixth degrees West, eighteen rods & nineteen links; Then  
North fifty four and a half degrees West, ten rods; Then  
North sixty eight and a quarter degrees West, fifty six rods &  
twenty links; Then North fifty one and five sixth degrees West,  
eighteen rods; Then North forty one and three quarter degrees West,  
twelve rods & eighteen links; Then North sixty one and three quarter  
degrees West, thirty four rods & sixteen links; Then North  
fifty three and five sixth degrees West sixteen rods & eleven links;  
Then North forty five and one sixth degrees West, forty rods &  
fifteen links; Then North thirty seven degrees West, twenty  
four rods on Station number forty four; Then North forty  
four and three quarter degrees West, eight rods; Then North  
twenty seven and a half degrees West, twelve rods; Then North  
twenty five and a half degrees West nineteen rods & fourteen links,  
Thus far from the station number forty four, the road is  
altered and the southerly part of it runs on land of Eustis  
Bent, then following the old road North forty one degrees  
& twenty five minutes West, twenty rods; Then North forty  
three degrees West, twenty four rods; Then North sixty three  
& three quarter degrees West, fourteen rods; Then North sixty



Seven & one third degrees West six rods & twenty two links:  
 Then North fifty five & five sixths degrees West forty rods to a point  
 in line with the Eastern side of David & Robinsons House: Then North  
 fifty seven degrees & five minutes West, sixty six rods & ten links:  
 Then North eighty four degrees & four minutes West, thirteen rods:  
 Then North twenty one & a quarter degrees West eleven rods & fifteen  
 links: Then North fifty four degrees West: One hundred & thirty  
 nine rods: Then North forty & a half degrees West forty seven rods  
 & nineteen links to a point two rods Southwesterly corner of  
 Thomas & Schuffers pasture: Then North thirty four degrees West,  
 forty rods: Then North twenty eight degrees West, eighty rods:  
 Then North twenty seven & a half degrees West, thirty rods: Then North  
 thirty one degrees West, fifty eight rods & eleven links: Then North  
 twenty six degrees West, forty two rods: Then North thirty three  
 degrees West, forty seven rods: Then North forty degrees twenty five  
 minutes West, fifty rods & ten links: Then North thirty & a half  
 degrees West fifty six rods: Then North twenty seven & a half  
 degrees West, forty five rods to a point opposite Josephs Outlay's  
 House: Then North twenty seven & one sixth degrees West, thirty  
 six rods and eighteen links: Then North twenty four & a quarter  
 degrees West forty four rods: Then North twenty one degrees & five  
 minutes West fifty five rods: Then North sixty eight & a half degrees  
 West, eighteen rods & thirteen links: Then North fifty seven & one  
 sixth degrees West four rods & fifteen links: Then North forty seven  
 & three quarter degrees West, fifty two rods & four links: Then North  
 forty nine degrees West fifty six rods: Then North forty one & one  
 third degrees West ten rods: Then North thirty one degrees & five  
 minutes West, six rods: Then North twenty two degrees & thirty five  
 minutes West, twenty six rods: Then North forty four & one third  
 degrees West, fifty three rods: Then North forty one & one sixth degrees  
 West forty rods: Then North fifteen degrees West fifteen rods: Then  
 North twenty nine & a half degrees West, seventeen rods & ten links:  
 Then North forty five & one third degrees West, forty three rods & eleven  
 links, to a point two rods from the Southwest Corner of Vincent Bradleys  
 Garden, thus far from Station Number twenty one in Blandford, the  
 road is laid four rods wide: From the end of this Station the  
 line now is two rods Southwesterly from the Northwesterly or right hand  
 side of the road to the Otis town line: Then North forty seven  
 & three quarter degrees West, twelve rods & sixteen links on Station  
 eighty two, on this Station the road narrows to three & a half  
 rods wide at the westerly end: Then North twenty two degrees



west eight rods & seven links. the road on this station is three & a  
half rods wide; Then North fifty seven and one sixth degrees west, ten  
rods on station eighty four, on this station the road narrows to three  
rods in width at the westerly end; Then North fifty five degrees west  
thirty two rods; Then North fifty two degrees west twelve rods;  
Then North forty two & a quarter degrees west sixteen rods; Then  
North fifty nine degrees & ten minutes west, twenty nine rods & seven  
links to station number eighty eight, thus far from station eighty  
four, the road is laid three rods wide; Then North fifty six & a  
half degrees west, twenty five rods on station number eighty nine,  
on this station the road widens to four rods at the westerly end,  
and continues four rods in width to the Otis line; Then  
North sixty four degrees & five minutes west twenty four rods;  
Then North fifty six and one sixth degrees west, twelve  
rods; Then South seventy seven degrees & fifty five minutes  
west, twenty six rods; Then North eighty seven & a half  
degrees west, thirteen rods; Then North fifty six & a half degrees  
west sixteen rods; Then North forty nine & three quarter degrees  
west, thirteen rods; Then North sixty five & three quarter  
degrees west, twenty two rods & ten links; Then South  
Seventy one & a half degrees west thirty one rods; Then  
North eighty eight degrees west twenty eight rods & ten  
links; Then North eighty seven & a half degrees west, ten  
rods & eighteen links to a point in line of the westerly side  
of Mr. Peckham's dwelling House; Then North, Seventy seven  
degrees west, nine rods; Then North Sixty degrees west,  
sixteen rods; Then North Sixty nine & three quarter degrees  
west, ten rods & ten links; Then North thirty nine & three  
quarter degrees west, eight rods; Then North Sixty degrees  
west, twenty rods & ten links; Then North twenty nine  
degrees west, seventeen rods & eleven links, Then North  
thirty one & three quarter degrees west, eight rods & five links;  
Then North forty seven degrees west, eleven rods; Then North  
fifty two degrees west twelve rods; Then North sixty four  
degrees west, seven rods, to a point near the easterly end of  
the watering trough; Then South Seventy one degrees west,  
eighteen rods; Then North eighty four degrees west, seven  
rods & five links; Then North fifty & three quarter degrees west,  
eight rods; Then North thirty one & a quarter degrees west,  
twenty eight rods; Then North fifty three & one sixth degrees  
west twenty two rods & ten links; Then North forty one degrees



West, sixteen rods: Then North eighty five & a quarter degrees West twenty five rods & fifteen links: Then North Fifty two & one sixth degrees West twenty four rods to the line between the Towns of Blainford and Otis.

The Yarn on the South line at Woods or Quail Brook, so called, is to be so placed as to give ample room for a drive way through for a watering place.

The entire road will be required to be worked and well thrown up, and constructed in such a manner, that the water will pass into the ditches without mounds.

All sudden elevations are to be reduced, and depressions filled up. — good and sufficient stone Sluices are to be provided at all points where it may be necessary to pass the water from one side of the road to the other —

All Bridges, Embankments and Steep and dangerous declivities must be protected by substantial railing, that which is put by the road side, to be not less than three inches in diameter at the smaller end and firmly fastened to posts well sunk in the ground, or to rocks or trees. — Stumps, roots, bushes, trees, large stones & rocks are to be taken out of the road but are removed so far that they will not fall into the ditches by the action of frost. All ledge that is not required to be excavated must have a covering of at least eight inches in depth.

All sandy portions of the road are to be hardened to the depth of at least six inches.

All materials required in the execution of this order must be of good qualities and well adapted to the purpose, and all the work must be performed in a thorough substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners.

The said Commissioners hereby order and direct that in case the said road shall be constructed by said town of Rappahannock, agreeably to the foregoing directions and within the time therein limited (its speedy completion being necessary to the safety of the public) then there shall be allowed and paid to said town, one half of the expense of constructing said road in the town of Rappahannock: — And the Commissioners further order and direct, that one eighth part of the expense of constructing said road in Blainford be paid from the County Treasury, provided



the same is constructed within the time and in the manner provided in this order, so far as regards said town of Blandford.

The owners of land over which such highway is located are allowed until the

to remove their wood, timber, trees and buildings therefrom. Having located said highway and heard all persons who desired to be heard upon the question of damages, the Commissioners proceeded to estimate same as follows viz,

To the Hampshire & Berkshire Turnpike Corporation and John A. Collier for the franchise, Two Hundred Fifty dollars \$250=

To George Shurtleff twenty dollars — 20.00

To Curtis Knott twenty seven dollars — 27.00

Wm B Colburn & George C Gibbs being unable to attend, due notice was given by the other members of the board, to Robert E Bernis and Daniel G White Special Commissioners, who appeared and acted in their stead

Alma Homer } County Commrs.

Daniel G. White } Special

R E Bernis } Commissioners.

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road established as for a Public Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire.

R. L. Bromley & al.

We the undersigned respectfully represent that your Honorable predecessors laid and ordered a road on the petition of R. L. Bromley and others, leading from a point near Chester Village Depot, to intersect with the County road, leading from that point to Chester Center, near the Raymond place so called, and that they ordered said road to be completed on or before the first day of July last, and as the said order, has not been complied with. We the undersigned respectfully petition your Honorable board, to enforce the execution of said order, at the earliest possible opportunity, as in duty bound we ever pray.

for enforcement of  
order for building  
Highway in Chester  
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Chester Village Dec 27. 1853

R. L. Bromley & others.

The above petition was presented at this meeting of the County Commissioners, who after hearing and considering the same, the prayer of the petitioners refused.



And the petition ordered to be dismissed—

C. A. Devery & others  
Pet for enforcement  
of order substituting a  
highway in Chester

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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
We the undersigned respectfully represent, that your  
Honorable predecessors on the petition of Mr C. A. Devery and others,  
ordered specific repairs on the road leading from Chester Village  
to Chester Freetown, beginning at a point at the Northwesterly end  
of Embury Bridge so called opposite the house of Melvin Capelone  
Esq., and extending to the house of R. L. J. Penney Esq. said  
repairs to be completed on or before the first day of May last,  
and as said repairs have not been made. We the undersigned  
respectfully petition your honorable board to enforce the execution  
of said order, at the earliest possible opportunity. As in duty  
bound we ever pray,

Chester Village Dec. 27. 1853.

C. A. Devery & others.

The foregoing petition was presented at this meeting of the  
County Commissioners, who after hearing and considering the  
same, the prayer of the petitioners is refused, and the petition  
ordered to be dismissed.

Estimate for  
County Expenses.

An estimate of taxes for the County of Hampshire for the  
year eighteen hundred and fifty four. Prepared and made  
up by the County Commissioners January 2<sup>d</sup> 1854

For Payment of Previous Taxes	\$ 4,400—
" One third Expense of Criminal Prosecutions including last December T. C. C. D. 1853	} 14,000
" Clerk of Courts for services	
" Sheriff, Deputies, Constables & minor, Messengers and service of process	} 2,000
" Coroners Inquests	
" Support of Prisoners in Jail & House of Correction	14,400
" Repair of County Buildings	435
" County Commissioners, Surveyors, Board of Examiners Commissioners Jurors &c	} 2,600
" Loose Damages	
" County Bridges	1,000
" Overseers of House of Correction	175
" Books, Stationary Printing &c	1,200
	<u>23,900</u>



	Amount paid up.	23.900
In	Fuel & Gas	.400
"	Chaplain	.100
"	Treasurer	.300
"	Fuel, bedding &c for prisoners	.800
"	On account of County debt	2.500
		<u>\$28.000</u>

Ordered by Commissioners at this Meeting, That an Annual Salary of five hundred dollars, be paid to Calvin Stebbins it being, one hundred dollars over the stipulated amount heretofore paid him, which covers all the expenses for labor hired of every description, four hundred dollars regular Salary, and One hundred dollars, for necessary expenditures as above. —

Magistrates Salary  
Established

Sundry Accounts against the County being now presented for allowance, amounting to the sum of Two thousand eight hundred eighty two dollars and eighty two Cents. — are allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury \$2818.82

Accts  
Allowed

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names in full for damages to lands, by the location of highways, and the County Treasurer is ordered to pay the same, amounting to One hundred twenty five dollars & Sixty two Cents.

In	Constance Leonard	Twenty five dollars	(on acct of)	25.00
"	Oliver Leonard	One hundred dollars	} Deduction of (bookkeeping)	100.62
		& Sixty two cents		

Resolved at February 5, 1854. That the same be continued and the meeting is adjourned without day.  
J. B. Wood, Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners begun and  
held at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on  
the second Tuesday of April being the eleventh day of the month  
and from day to day to the thirteenth day of the month and by  
adjournment on the sixteenth day of May to the seventeenth day  
of said month of May and by adjournment on the sixth day of  
June to the seventh day of said June in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Present Oliver Hemen Esq. of County  
George C. Yelle Esq. of County  
Robert B. Barnes Esq. of County  
In place of Saml. H. Lathrop Esq. who was absent

Charles D. Moore & others  
Petitioners for a highway  
in said County

To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Respectfully represents your Petitioners Substantive of the town  
of Tolland that they feel aggrieved by the laying out of a highway  
established by your Board in the Petition of W. W. Bacon and others  
commencing in or near land of the heirs of Samuel Granger in  
West Granville and extending to the old road near the house of  
Samuel Hamilton in Tolland that the same will be unnecessarily  
expensive to create and keep in repair by said Substantive, that  
alterations can be made to great advantage between the commence-  
ment and termination of said highway.

Samuel Hamilton also owns where land said highway project falls  
aggrieved by the location of said highway across their land and  
prays for an alteration thereof and for an increase of damages  
suffered by the Commissioners.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a survey may be caused and  
sent competent to revise the design of the Commissioners in the  
said location to make such alterations as they may deem expedient,  
and also to increase the damages to said Hamilton, provided said  
road remains in the same place as established by the Commissioners  
and the duty be done that they

Vote 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

Charles D. Moore of Committee of the  
Oliver C. Hemen Esq. Subst. of Tolland  
Samuel Hamilton

The foregoing petition was read at a meeting of the County Commis-  
sioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the



year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three - and the petition  
was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commis-  
sioners held for said County on the second Tuesday of April eighteen  
hundred and fifty three. At which meeting it was ordered that a  
warrant for a Jury be issued - and appointed to be taken up to  
preside over the Jury - and on the fifteenth day of said April a  
warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or  
his Deputy to summon a Jury to hear and determine the matter  
of Complaint set forth in said Petition - and this petition  
was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June then next.  
At which meeting the following order from the Court of Common  
Pleas was received: "June 1st Court Common Pleas 1853

"In the case of Fowler I. Moore petition for a Jury  
at the above term the Verdict of the Jury was set aside  
by the Court and the case remitted to the County  
Commissioners for further proceedings  
and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting and was at last ordered by the Commissioners  
of the said County that this petition be dismissed without  
Costs.

In the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
Humbly shew the Subscribers that the road leading  
from Belvoir to Saddle Centre by the house of Silas Billings is  
crossed narrow, lumpy and almost utterly impassable that  
therefore is to request your Honors to view the said road  
from Belchertown line East of said Billings house to the guide  
house on the Belchertown road West of Benjamin Silas house  
and order such repairs, grading, widening &c as your Honors  
shall deem necessary  
Saiden May 26 1853

Silas Billings & others

Silas Billings  
Thos. J. Allen  
Hyman Jones

The foregoing petition was returned at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty three - at which meeting the Commissioners  
assuming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave  
notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at  
the dwelling house of Silas Billings in Saiden on Friday the



Second day of September next, at nine o'clock a.m. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of South in said County, thirty days at least before the said Second day of September next that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and that order thereon, in the Hampshire Post or Public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy in two public places in the town of South, fourteen days before said Second day of September next that notice be given in manner of notice to persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper. And that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Now this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners.

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners that this petition be dismissed without costs.

John B. Parker & others  
Pet to discontinue Henry  
in Blanford & Hopkinton

In the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
The subscribers subscribers of the town of Hopkinton respectfully  
petition and request the Commissioners to void the highway leasing  
from the town of Hopkinton to Blanford line, near the house  
of James A. Black and to discontinue certain portions of said lease  
as recently laid by the County Commissioners.

John B. Parker & others

The foregoing petition was returned at a meeting of the County Commissioners  
Said John B. Parker & others, on the fourth day of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose  
of said view at the dwelling house of William L. Mulberry in Hopkinton  
on Wednesday the third day of August next, at nine o'clock a.m. and  
it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition  
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, upon the Clerk of  
the town of Hopkinton in said County, thirty days at least before the said  
third day of August next that all other persons and corporations



interest therein be satisfied by publishing a copy of said petition and that  
 said petition in the Hampshire Post or public newspaper printed in said  
 County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be five days  
 at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the  
 Commissioners that copies of said petition be abstracts containing the  
 substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy  
 in two public places in the town of Rufford five days before said  
 third day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid  
 to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners  
 deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view  
 of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to  
 this meeting of said Commissioners.

And now it is ordered by the said Commissioners that  
 the aforesaid petition be dismissed without costs.

In conformity with a resolve of the general Court passed at their  
 present session March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1831 granting a tax of twenty eight  
 thousand dollars for the County of Hampshire, the same is appor-  
 tioned upon the several towns in said County in manner  
 following.

Blanford	\$ 672.35	Montgomery	\$ 196.59	Apportionment of County tax
Barnstable	820.64	Palmer	1564.13	
Chester	575.15	Russell	217.13	
Chicopee	4222.45	Southwick	632.30	
Granville	512.02	Springfield	7715.37	
Holland	189.38	Tolland	252.59	
Holyoke	2258.52	Wales	237.52	
Longmeadow	985.98	Westfield	1941.95	
Sunderland	565.11	West Springfield	1965.93	
Worcester	1157.31	Williamstown	1122.24	
	\$ 11965.94		\$ 16054.06	\$ 28000.00

And Warrants have been issued dated Eleventh day of April  
 1831 directed to the Selectmen or officers of the several towns in the  
 County directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants  
 of their respective towns and requiring their Collectors or Constables  
 to collect the same, and pay the same to William Rice Esq  
 County Treasurer or Successors or order by the last day of August  
 next ensuing as the Law directs.



18  
Licenses

The following persons were licensed as Innholders without authority to sell intoxicating liquors April 15<sup>th</sup> 1854

Madison Kendall	East Street, Market Square	Chicago
Horace Adams	Eagle Hotel, Corner of Belmont & Oak Sts.	"
E. D. Perry	Chicago Falls	"
Telephus Pundleton	Williamson St.	"
Levi Brown	East Parish	Granville
John Baldwin	at the house he lives in	Madison
Geo C. Horner	Southwest corner common	Chicopee
Eliza Kinney	his dwelling house	Stevens

The following persons were licensed as Innholders without authority to sell intoxicating liquors May 16<sup>th</sup> 1854

W. A. Bluford	Centerville House	Medford
E. D. Jones	Assessors House	Palmer
Charles Crafts	at the house he now occupies	Stoughton
Ezekiel Adams	Lawrence St. House	"

The following persons were licensed as Common Victuallers 1854 Front opposite Baptist Church in the Center Westford

Alfred Barnard	Back Road House	"
Engene M. Condy	Back House East side of the Green	"
Harwell Loomis	" " Basement	"
Levi Smith	"	"
Thos. H. Hunt	Basement of New Building	"

The following persons were licensed as Innholders without authority to sell intoxicating liquors June 7<sup>th</sup> 1854

Rufus Merriam	Chicopee
C. E. Wright	Center of Parsonage Hill Parish West Springfield

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1854 A determination by lot was made under the act entitled "an Act concerning County Commissioners" made and passed March 10<sup>th</sup> 1854 whereby the County Commissioners then in office were divided into three classes. And William B. Calhoun again was assigned to the first class George C. Gibbs again was assigned to the second class and Alvin Horner again was assigned to the third class.



County Treasurers against the County being now provided for all money  
amounting to the sum of Three Hundred and hundred and four pounds  
and forty seven shillings and sixpence and ordered to be paid out  
of the County Treasury

June 27

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names  
in full for damages to lands by the location of Highways and the  
County Treasurer is ordered to pay the same amounting to the  
sum of Two Hundred & twenty four shillings and sixpence

To M. C. Robertson (Plot of Buntingford)	£ 50. 00
" George Webb	£ 20. 00
" Heirs of Samuel Mannion (Plot of Buntingford)	£ 50. 00
" Wesleyan Brethrenry Corp <sup>rs</sup>	£ 75. 00
	£ 195. 00

Hampton J<sup>r</sup> June 7<sup>th</sup> 1844

Judgment is entered up according to Report  
and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be  
continued and this Meeting was adjourned without day

Attest: Geo B Moss Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Stamford.

Let a meeting of the County Commissioners be held on  
Wednesday at Springfield within and for the County of Hampshire on  
the fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty seventh day of the  
Month within the twenty eighth day of said month and by adjourn-  
ment on the fourteenth day of August to the fifteenth day of said  
August and by adjournment on the twentieth day of September and  
from day to day to the fourteenth day of said month of September  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty  
four.

Present

Abner Homer Esquire County  
George C. Mills } Commissioners  
Albert E. Dennis } Special Commissioners  
in place of Wm. B. Colburn Esq. County Commr. who  
was absent.

John Dyer Esq.  
Jurat & sworn to me at  
Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The undersigned Subscribers of the Town of West Springfield would  
represent that the location of the road on the petition of Reswick Day  
as shown by the former board of Commissioners through the town of  
Alfred Brown and others is injurious and that the Public neces-  
sity and Convenience are not required. We therefore pray your  
Honors that said road be located through the town of West  
Springfield so that the location be made as well best and the con-  
venience and necessity of all concerned be satisfied.  
West Springfield June 18-1852 John Dyer Esq. & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commis-  
sioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the  
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three. At which meeting  
the County Commissioners receiving advice of the persons, residents and  
proprietors present that they would meet for the purpose of said time at  
the meeting House of Henry Smith in West Springfield on Tuesday the  
sixteenth day of August next at nine O'clock A.M. And it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition  
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputies upon the  
Clark of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days at  
least before the said sixteenth day of August and that all other  
persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield



Republ. a public newspaper printed in said County, there is no one  
excepting the last publication to be published any at least before the time of  
said time. And it was further ordered by the Commission that  
copies of said petition be placed at intervals in the streets thereof  
and this order be put up by said Sheriff or deputy in two public  
places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said return-  
day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all  
persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem  
a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of  
the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday  
of October eighteen hundred and fifty three.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Jr July 4<sup>th</sup> 1853. I hereby Certify that I have this  
day served the within petition and order on the town clerk  
of said West Springfield Enos H. Smith as within directed by  
giving him in hand a true and attested copy of this petition  
and order as within directed, and on the nineteenth day of the  
same July I posted up in two public places in said town  
of West Springfield Copies of this petition and abstract of this  
order in the Post office and in the Hotel kept by Mr  
Batholomew in said town.

John R. Comstock Deputy Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report  
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Jr

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of  
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County,  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Andrew May & others, then present to our  
Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the  
undersigned inhabitants of the town of West Springfield  
would represent that the location of the road on the  
petition of Russell King by the former board of Commis-  
sioners through the land of Alfred Berwick is imper-  
tinent and that the public necessity and convenience  
does not require: We therefore pray your honors that  
the road as located may be discontinued and such



location or objection be made or vote cast with the conven-  
 -ience and necessity of all concerned is instructed every  
 said petitioner as file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises of said  
 appointed hearing the nineteenth day of August then met at  
 Nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Henry Smith in  
 West Springfield at the time and place for viewing the premises;  
 and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk  
 of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which  
 such road was proposed for thirty days at least before the time  
 appointed for said view. And also caused abstracts of said  
 petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public  
 places in said town and also gave notice to all persons  
 interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published  
 three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a  
 newspaper published in said County, said posting and the  
 last publication of said copy bearing date fourteen days at least  
 before the time appointed for said view; and before said view  
 was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as directed in the  
 foregoing notice of the petitioners to all persons interested, of the time and  
 place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time  
 and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and being views  
 the same the Commissioners then adjourned to hear the parties at the  
 same time of said view. And having heard the parties, said Commissioners  
 then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petitioners  
 and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there  
 adjudge that convenience convenience and necessity required the prayer of  
 the petitioners should be granted.

William B. Colburn being unable to attend due notice was given by the  
 other Commissioners to Abel C. Brown one of the Special Commissioners who  
 appeared and acted in his stead.

Abel C. Brown } County  
 George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
 A. C. Brown } Special Comm.

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the  
 prayer of the petitioners granted and the petitioners withdrew from  
 the meeting to this meeting.

At which meeting the Commissioners caused due notice to be given to  
 all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would  
 meet at the meeting house of Alfred Bennett in West Springfield on Thursday  
 the third day of August next at Nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose



of locating said discontinuance and alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Republican - further news paper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said third day of August.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield - fourteen days at least before the said third day of August at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said discontinuance and alterations. And will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was returned to the fifteenth day of August at an adjourned meeting then held by the Commissioners. The Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co July 12<sup>th</sup> 1854. - I have this day made service of this petition and order upon Charles White the Town Clerk of West Springfield as within directed by leaving a true and attested copy of said petition and order at his last and usual place of abode and on the eighth day of the same July I posted up in two public places, to wit at the Hotel kept by Bartholomew in said West Springfield, and at the Halcyon Hotel near Springfield Bridge. Copies of this petition and abstracts of this order as within directed.

John W. Brewster Deputy Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Julius May & others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the location of the road on the petition of Roman King by the former board of Commissioners through the land of Alfred Brewster is unjust and what the public necessity and convenience does not require and praying that the



road as located may be discontinued and such location or alteration  
 be made as will best suit the convenience and necessity of all  
 concerned or interested. As by said petition as before appears  
 the Complainants desiring a view of the premises referred to, appeared  
 Tuesday the sixteenth day of August then next and were taken  
 in the forenoon, at the house of Henry Smith in West Springfield  
 at the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy  
 of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West  
 Springfield, being the time within which such view was required  
 for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view;  
 and also caused abridgement of said petition, containing the substance  
 thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also  
 gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said  
 petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield  
 Republican a newspaper published in said County, said  
 posting and the last publication of said copy having been  
 fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view  
 and before said view was had, said Complainants gave notice in like manner  
 as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested  
 of the time and place for commencing said view.  
 And on the said sixteenth day of August the Complainants met at the  
 time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and  
 having viewed the same the further consideration was deferred till  
 the next regular meeting of the Complainants, held at Springfield  
 aforesaid on the first Tuesday of October then next, and by continuance  
 to the first Tuesday of June 1852. At which meeting the parties were heard,  
 and after the hearing said Complainants proceeded to consider and adjudge  
 upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same,  
 said Complainants did adjudge that the prayer of the petition should be  
 granted. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Complainants  
 appointed Thursday the third day of August then next and were taken  
 in the forenoon, at the house of Alfred Brewster in said West Springfield  
 at the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed  
 to locate such discontinuance. And the said Complainants having given  
 notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the  
 locating such discontinuance in the same manner as the notice and  
 publication was given and made, and as it by law in such case  
 made and provided, like proceeding to view (except publishing an  
 abridgement of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said third  
 day of August met and proceeded to locate such discontinuance  
 as follows: Commencing at the south side of the road



said Dyer's garden at a stone monument and thence running South  
 fifty five degrees West seventy seven rods and twelve links in land of  
 Schuch's heirs then the same course in land of Alfred Barnum  
 one hundred and six rods & four links. Then the same course in  
 land of James P. Dyer four rods ten links to a stone on the easterly  
 side of the highway near the school house & also crossing said  
 highway and running in land of Henry Smith South seventy  
 eight degrees & twenty five minutes West - eight rods & twenty five  
 links to the Southeast corner of said Smith's Corn house. Then  
 South eighty seven & a half degrees West one rod & four links to the  
 South West corner of said Corn house - then North eighty five  
 degrees and five minutes West thirteen rods & three links to  
 a stone in said Smith's lot. Then North seventy five degrees  
 West thirty six rods to a stone on the Northerly side of the  
 Old highway. Then South eighty seven & a half degrees West  
 nine rods and thirteen links to a white Oak tree. These  
 lines being run on the right hand side of the location the  
 same being three rods wide.

Wm B. Estlin being unable to attend landy notice was  
 given to Robert E. Demis Special Commissioner who appeared  
 and acted in his stead.

Oliver Homer } County

George C. Gillett } Commissioners

R. E. Demis } Special Commisr

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the  
 route established as one for a Public Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire

Rodney Wood

We your petitioners Inhabitants of Bonds Village Palmer and  
 vicinity humbly represent that there is a public highway route  
 needed by the towns of New Berne the town of Halloway Mass.  
 Henry W. Harker Messing, G. L. Boyles Jonathan M. Gillman & L.  
 Boynton, Wm. Thayer, G. D. Lewis, B. L. Boynton, A. D. Wright and  
 others. The mail passes over a portion of said route from  
 Bonds Village to Palmer Depot twice every day. we  
 counter humbly petition your Honorable board that you view  
 said route and locate a public highway leading by said  
 crossings, beginning at the Bonds Village and terminating at  
 or near the land of James Butler on the road leading from

other Pet for the way  
 in Palmer.



Repeate Village to Palmar Depot, and also near the Town of S. W. Bond  
in said road leading to Palmar Depot. Also Commencing again at  
or near the crossing of Palmar Pike crossing both tracks and  
intersecting the road leading from First Station to Thousand Village  
as in duty bound with care May

Thousand Village July 26 1852. Return of James S. Thurst

The foregoing petition was returned at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in  
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three, by adjournment  
on the eighth day of September, at which meeting the Commissioners view-  
ing a view of the premises respecting said petition, gave notice that they  
would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of  
Seth A. Thompson in Palmar on Wednesday the nineteenth day of  
October next at nine o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the  
County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town  
of Palmar in said County, thirty days at least before the said  
nineteenth day of October, and that all other persons and  
corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of  
said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmar Journal or  
public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of  
said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners  
that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in  
two public places in the town of Palmar, fourteen days before  
said nineteenth day of October, and that notice be given in  
manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that  
the County Commissioners view a view of the premises respecting  
said petition, and that a view of the same will be taken by  
them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was returned at the meeting of the County Com-  
missioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December  
then next. And the Sheriff of said County made his return  
as follows.

Thompson Co September 16<sup>th</sup> 1852. By Return of the within order  
I delivered to the Town Clerk of Palmar a true and attested copy  
of said petition and order, and also posted up in two public places  
in said town abstracts of said petition and order of the County  
Commissioners thereon, containing the substance thereof as within directed.  
Patrick Davis Sheriff



Commodore of Annapolis

Handwritten signature: *Handwritten signature*

On the Petition of Henry Davis & Others, their petitioners to  
said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that there is  
a public highway much needed by the house of Poly Barnard  
son of Henry Davis, Henry W. Marks, Austin, C. L. Hughes,  
Jonathan M. Giltner, R. L. Bryant, William Thayer, C. D. Davis,  
B. L. Bryant, A. D. Wright & Others:— The said paper was a  
petition of said route from Greenwich Village to Palmer Depot  
twice every day, — praying the Commissioners to claim said route  
and locate a public highway leading by said dwellings, beginning  
at said Village and terminating at or near the house of James  
Fuller on the road leading from said Village to Palmer Depot,  
but also near the house of L. W. Bond on said road leading  
to Palmer Depot:— Also commencing again at or near the  
dwelling of Mulander Pike running South Easterly and  
intersecting the road leading from said Fuller's to Thorncliffe  
Village as in and by annexed map  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expediently appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of October then next and Wm. B. Clark in the forenoon, at the house of Seth A. Thompson in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Palmer being the town within which said highway was situated at proper fee, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in Palmer and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three times successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave



Notice in like manner as described in the foregoing section of the petition to all persons interested in the same and place for examining said lands.

Since on the said nineteenth day of October, the Commissioners met at the times and place appointed, and proceeded to view the same lands, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said lands, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petitioners and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part.

William B. Calhoun being unable to attend, due notice was given by the other members of the board to H. E. Bennett one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Alfred H. Henshaw } County

George C. Gibbs } Commissioners

H. E. Bennett, Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the same as specified in said report adjudge in part to be of common convenience and necessity, at which meeting the Commissioners declared that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at such a place as they shall determine on Wednesday the fifth day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Palmyra Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks previous, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Palmyra with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Palmyra, fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of April at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway. And will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and appraise said damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County is pursuer of said



order under his return as follows.

Hampton Jn. February 24 1844 - I under name of this Sheriff by  
inducing to the town clerk of Palmer a true copy of the within petition  
and the order of the County Commissioners thereon, and posting up in  
two public places in said Palmer copies of said petition and a libel  
containing the substance of said order as within recited.

Patrick Hesse, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as  
follows.

Commissioners of Hampshire

Hampton Jn.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County  
of Hampshire held at Springfield in said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty three and by adjournment the eight day of September.

On the petition of Henry Davis and others then presented  
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, there  
is a public Highway much needed by the houses of Poly Bennett  
of Redney Davis, Henry W. Harts dwelling, C. L. Boyles, Levee, W. H.  
Colman, A. L. Boynton, William Thayer, C. L. Smith, B. E. Boynton, L. D.  
Wright & others - The said Harts on a portion of said route  
from Greenwich Village to Palmer Depot twice every day, in  
answer humbly petition your Honorable Board that you view said  
route and locate a public Highway leading by said dwellings  
beginning at the South Village and terminating at or near the  
land of James Fuller on the road leading from South Village  
to Palmer Depot, and also over the house of S. W. Bond on said  
road leading to Palmer Depot, also commencing again above  
near the dwelling house of Chasman Pike crossing Lynch's estate  
by and intersecting the road leading from said Fuller to Thomsen's  
Village - as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient  
appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of October then next,  
and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of W. H. Simpson  
in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises and  
caused a copy of said petition to be read upon the clerk of the  
Town of Palmer, being the town within which said highway was  
proposed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said  
view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the  
substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said Town;  
and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of



said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmetto Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said printing and the said publication of said copy having been finished days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as directed in the foregoing Notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to read the petition, and having read the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next: at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudging as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the second day of May then next at seven o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of J. M. Thompson in said Palmetto as that time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to execute. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the purpose of executing, in the same manner as the notice and publication were given and made, and as it by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) On the said first Tuesday of May, met and proceeded to locate the same in the manner following:

Beginning at a Stone on the South westerly side of the Old road and run N.  $38^{\circ} 33'$  W. 24<sup>th</sup> paces to a Stone: N.  $27^{\circ} 45'$  W. 13<sup>th</sup> paces to a Stone: N.  $27^{\circ} 15'$  W. 14<sup>th</sup> paces to a Stone: N.  $10^{\circ} 55'$  W. 12<sup>th</sup> paces to a Stone: N.  $17^{\circ} 36'$  W. 74<sup>th</sup> paces to a Stone on the South side of the Old road. The above described road is laid three rods wide, since the line is run on the West side of the road.

In constructing said road the following order must be strictly complied with: The road bed must be sighted off in view of exclusion of ditches, and the Center of the road so much raised that the water will easily flow from the Center to the ditch side, and if any portions of the road shall need hardening, the road must be covered to the depth of six inches at least with Clay.



or gravel or some other hardening material, then Culverts or Sluices  
shall be made in all places where they will be needed and at least  
of the length of one foot and the width of one foot. — All trees and  
fences must be removed by the fifteenth day of March 1855 and the  
road completed in a thorough and satisfactory manner by the  
first day of August 1855 to the acceptance of the County Com-  
missioners.

After having all persons interested in awarded the following  
amount of damages.

Capt. Timothy Parrell	173 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> yds road	One hundred & thirty dollars,	\$130
do J. Wagon & others	242 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> yds road	One hundred & thirty dollars,	\$130
John Ward	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> yds road	Five dollars	\$5.00

Alvin H. Hemeny } County

George C. Gibbs } Commissioners

R. E. Bernier } Special Commissioners

whose report being read and considered is accepted and  
the road established as one for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire. Jonathan Brooks &  
Your petitioners would represent that the public good there for highway  
between Cabotville and West Springfield in West Springfield  
requires that a new highway should be located commencing  
near the Cabot & West Springfield Bridge and termin-  
ating at or near the house of Benjamin Ashby also  
that improvements and alterations in the highway  
are necessary in some places between the said  
Ashby and the road leading West from Mt. Notch  
Morgan's Corner. We therefore pray your honors to  
Examine, locate and make such alterations as the  
public necessity requires.

Cabotville Sept. 24 1853 Jonathan Brooks & others

The foregoing petition was returned at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners held for said County on the first Monday of  
October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty three.

At which meeting the County Commissioners, viewing a view  
of the petitioners' petition and papers gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view at the meeting house of  
Benjamin Ashby in West Springfield on Tuesday the eighth  
day of November next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was



ordered by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said Petition be  
 Signed by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the last  
 of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least,  
 before the said eighth day of November, and that all other persons  
 and Corporations interested therein be satisfied by Publishing a Copy  
 of said Petition and that order thereof in the Springfield Gazette  
 or Public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks consecutively,  
 the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the term of said  
 view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
 Copies of said Petition or abstract containing the substance thereof  
 and that order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two  
 public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before  
 said eighth day of November and that notice be given in manner  
 aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County  
 Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper,  
 and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time  
 and place aforesaid.

And this Petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting,  
 and the Sheriff of said County made this return as follows.

Hampden Co. October 7<sup>th</sup> 1833 By virtue of the order of the County  
 Commissioners I delivered a true and attested Copy of this Petition and  
 order to the town clerk of West Springfield, and also made and posted  
 up Copies of said Petition and abstract of said order in two public places  
 in said West Springfield as within directed.

Patric Brice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commissioners of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County  
 of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first  
 Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty  
 three. On the petition of Jonathan Brice and others, there  
 presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the  
 public travel between Cabelville and Wintonogue in West Springfield  
 requires that a new highway should be located commencing near  
 the Cabel & West Springfield Bridge and terminating at or near  
 the house of Benjamin Ashley, also that alterations and improvements  
 in the highway are necessary in some places between the said  
 Ashley and the road leading west from Mr. Nathan Morgan's corner  
 to Hammon's lot, and make such alterations as the public necessity  
 requires, as by said petition on file will appear.



The Commissioners deemed a view of the premises expediently appointed.  
Tuesday the eighth day of December they met at their Clerk in  
the forenoon at the house of Benjamin Ashby in West Springfield at  
the time and place for viewing the premises: And caused a copy of  
said petition to be sent upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield  
being the town within which said land is prayed for: thirty days at least  
before the time appointed for said view: And also caused abstracts  
of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two  
public places in West Springfield said town: And also gave notice to  
all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be  
published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican  
a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the  
last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at  
least before the time appointed for said view: and before said  
view was had: said Commissioners gave notice in like man-  
ner as aforesaid in the foregoing notice of the petition to all  
persons interested, of the time and place for Commencing said  
view.

And on the said eighth day of December the Commissioners  
met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
view the premises, and having viewed the same the  
Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same  
time of said view: And having heard the parties, said  
Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon  
the prayer of said petition: And after considering the same  
said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Commence-  
ment need necessarily require that the prayer of the petitioners  
should be granted.

William B. Colburn one of the County Commissioners being  
unable to attend, an order was given by the other Commissioners  
to Robert D. Bessie one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and  
acted in his stead.

Abner Thorne } County  
George C. Gills } Commissioners  
R. E. Bessie } Special Commissioner

Which report being read & considered was accepted and the  
same prayed for as specified in said report adjudge of Commence-  
ment and necessity.

And now at this meeting the Commissioners ordered that  
notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein  
that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of



Benjamin Leshy on West Springfield on Friday the fourth day of August next at New Britain in the presence of the purpose of locating said Highway & alterations by Markham an abatement of said petition and that order thereon in the Springfield Express a public Newspaper printed in said County: there stands conspicuously the last publication to be printed days at least before the said fourth day of August: And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, deliver the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said fourth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Highway & alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and of all such matters as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road.

And that petition is as contained in an endorsement of said meeting held on the fourth day of September then next: at which endorsement meeting the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order recited this return as follows:

Hampden Sp. July 8<sup>th</sup> 1854. That this day made service of this petition and order upon Charles White. The Town Clerk of West Springfield as further directed by leaving a true and attested copy of said petition and order at his last and usual place of abode and on the eighth day of the same July I posted up in two public places (to wit at the Hotel kept by Bartholomew in said West Springfield, and at the Halcyon Hotel near the Springfield Bridge) copies of this petition and abstracts of this order as within directed.

Wm P. Remondet Deputy Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows:

### Commissioners of Massachusetts

Hampden Sp.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Monday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Jonathan Brooks and others, their presentation to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public road between Cabotville and Wittenburg in West Springfield requires that a new Highway should be located commencing near the Cabot and West Springfield Bridge and terminating at or



near the house of Benjamin Ashby, also that alterations and improvements  
in the highway are necessary in some places between the said Ashby  
and the said leading road from West Union. Mayors caused and  
praying the Commissioners to examine, locate and make such alterations  
as the public safety requires. In by said petition an affidavit  
appears.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient,  
appointed Tuesday the eighth day of November then next at nine o'clock  
in the forenoon, at the house of Benjamin Ashby in West  
Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises:  
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of  
the town of West Springfield being the town within which said  
road is proposed, thirty days at least before the time appointed  
for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition,  
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in  
said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing  
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively  
in the Springfield Republican or newspaper published in said county,  
said posting and the last publication of said copy having been  
performed thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view  
and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave  
notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and  
place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighth day of November the Commissioners  
met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
view the premises, and having viewed the same, the  
further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular  
meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on  
the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting, the petition  
was heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners pro-  
ceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said  
petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did  
adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners  
appointed Friday the fourth day of August then next to meet  
at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Benjamin  
Ashby in said West Springfield as the time and place  
wherein and where they would meet and proceed to locate  
said highway and alterations, and the said Commissioners  
having given notice of the adjudication and the time and



place appointed for locating said highway and alterations in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as it by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition in stead of a copy thereof) on the said fourth day of August next and provided to locate the same as follows:

Commencing at a Stone Monument on the southerly side of the road leading from Chappaqua and West Springfield Bridges, which bears from the Northwest corner post of said bridge, South Seventy two and a half degrees West, nine rods & twenty three links. Then running South thirty eight and a quarter degrees West, five hundred and forty five rods to a stone monument then North fifty five and a half degrees West, seven rods and two links to a stone monument on the southerly side of an old road, then South two degrees West, along the southerly side of said road, fifteen rods & seven links to a stone monument. The line runs over on the westerly or right hand side of the highway, and the same is located three rods wide except at the ends, which are as follows, viz: The northerly end is four rods wide and narrows to three at the distance of four rods from the commencement, and the southerly end is of such width as is described by the courses & distances of the last two stations, the last monument being on the southerly side of the highway.

The road has to be widened twenty four feet wide exclusive of the ditches;—and ditches to be provided: suitable fences are to be made, wherever it may be necessary to stop the water from one side of the road to the other. And that station of the southern terminus of the road near Benjamin Ashley's house which lies west of the road bed must remain unbroken and the road not removed excepting as Mr Benjamin Ashley shall order for his own convenience in passing over the same. In the construction the center of the road bed must be in the center of location.

The owners of the land over which said highway is located are allowed until the tenth day of October next, to remove their fences and crops: said highway is to be worked and finished in a substantial manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the fifteenth day of June 1855.

After such location and hearing all parties interested therein who desired to be heard, the Commissioners have proceeded to estimate and appraise the damages occasioned thereby as follows, viz:



To Benjamin Boley Ten Hundred dollars	1000
Horace Smiths One Hundred & fifty dollars	150
Isaac Bogg Twenty dollars	20
Isaac Bogg Question for Cashley One hundred & forty dollars	140
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How Wm B. Colburn being unable to attend due notice was given by the other Commissioners to R. E. Barnes one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead

Oliver Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
R. E. Barnes } Special Commisr

which report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a Public Highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The undersigned Citizens of Ludlow, Belchertown & Springfield  
Respectfully represent that the road leading from Springfield  
thence at Southwick by Henry Fuller and Dwight Fuller and  
Jeremiah Buttons in said Ludlow to Belchertown is circuitous  
andilly. They therefore respectfully request, that you  
will view said route and establish a new road or  
make such alterations in the old road as the public  
good and convenience requires

Solomon Fox & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty three  
At which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the Store of John Smith  
in Ludlow on Tuesday the fourth day of April next at ten o'clock  
A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said  
County or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow in  
said County thirty days, at least, before the said fourth day of  
April, and that all other persons and corporations interested  
therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon, in the Springfield Post or Public news  
paper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners,



that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof  
and the order to post up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public  
places in the town of Ludlow, previous to the fourth day  
of April. and that notice be given in various places to all persons  
and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view  
of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same  
will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this  
meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,  
Hampden Co.

February 20<sup>th</sup> 1854. I made service of this precept by  
delivering to the Town Clerk of Ludlow a true copy of the within  
petition and the order of the County Commissioners thereon.  
And by posting up in two public places in said Ludlow copies  
of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance  
thereof as within directed.

Patrick Davis Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County  
of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth  
Monday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty three.

On the petition of Solomon Jones and others, then presented to said  
Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the antiquarian  
Estate of Ludlow, Belchertown and Springfield, respectfully represent  
that the road leading from Springfield line at Foxcroft by Henry  
Butter & Dwight Butters and Jeremiah Butters in said Ludlow to  
Belchertown is convenient and busy; they therefore respectfully request  
that you will view said route and establish a new road or  
make such alterations in the Old Road as the Public good and  
Commissioners require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, receiving a view of the premises expedient  
during the fourth day of April then next and then obtain on the  
premises at the Store of John Miller in Ludlow at the time and place  
for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be  
served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within  
which said Highway is prayed for thirty days at least before the  
time appointed in said view: And also caused abstracts



of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public  
places in said town. Some also gave notice to one person interested by  
causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively  
in the Springfield Post or some paper published in said County, said  
posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen  
days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before  
said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as  
described in the foregoing section of the petition to all persons interested  
of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of April the Commissioners met at the  
time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,  
and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined  
to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having  
heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider  
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after  
considering the same, said Commissioners said them and then  
adjudge that Common Consensus and Majority did  
not require that the prayer of the petition should be granted.  
William B. Gathorn being unable to attend Robert E.  
Bemis one of the Special Commissioners being satisfied  
appeared and acted in his stead.

Oliver H. Moore } County

George C. Gills } Commissioners

R. E. Bemis } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted,  
and the petition ordered to be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire I Oliver H. Moore  
The Subscribers Citizens of Cheshire and West Springfield for highway  
-field in said County, respectfully represent, that public in West Springfield  
convenience requires some more direct and feasible  
road between Cheshire and the Western part of the  
County, more particularly in the direction of Westfield,  
they represent that such direct and feasible road may  
be most easily and satisfactorily secured by laying  
a road, from the Eastern terminus of a certain road  
across the lands of Mr. Alfred Burroughs, and of Mr.  
Henry Smith, recently laid by the late Board of Com-  
-missioners, but not yet worked on opened for public  
travel: thence running in a North easterly direction



cross lands of Justice Gage, Mr Taylor, Daniel Ashley and others to the road from Northampton to West Springfield, at a point opposite the road leading thence to the later road West Springfield Bridge at Chicopee. Your petitioners therefore respectfully request your Board to take such action as may be necessary for the purpose of locating and establishing such new roads, and opening the same for public travel and your petitioners will ever pray &c

Shampron County Oct. 10 1853. J. Adams & others.

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty three.

At which meeting the Commissioners viewing a view of the premises, expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Chicopee House in Chicopee on Thursday the twentieth day of April next, at three o'clock P.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said twentieth day of April, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Weekly Journal or public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, on two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said twentieth day of April, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.



Hampden Co. March 25. 1855 - I made notice of this precept by  
delivering to the town Clerk of West Springfield a true copy  
of the within petition and the order of the County Commissioners  
thereon and putting up in two public places in said West  
Springfield copies of said petition and abstract of said  
order containing the substance thereof as within directed.  
Patrick Woods Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in  
writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commis-  
sioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield  
in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty three.

On the petition of S. Adams and others, there  
present to said Commissioners, representing and  
setting forth that, the public convenience requires some  
more direct and feasible road between Chicopee and the  
Western part of the County, more particularly in the direction  
of Westfield - they represent that such direct and feasible  
road may be most easily and satisfactorily secured  
by laying a road from the eastern terminus of a certain  
road across the lands of Mr Alfred Barnette and of  
Mr Harvey Smith recently sold by the late town of  
Commissioners but not <sup>yet</sup> opened or opened for public travel  
thence running in a North Easterly across the lands of  
Justice Sagg, Mr Taylor, David Ashley and others, to the  
road from Westhampton to West Springfield to a point  
opposite the road leading to the Cabot and West Springfield  
Bridge. Hampden County, Dec. 18. 1853.

S. Adams & others

As by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed Thursday, the twentieth day of  
April, them meet at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, at  
the Chicopee house in Chicopee as the time and place  
for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said  
petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of  
West Springfield being the town within which such road



day that was, nearest for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Old Springfield—said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published there verbatim & sincerely in the Springfield Republican newspaper published in said County, said posting and the publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as directed in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of this town and place for commencing said view.

Thus on the said twentieth day of April, and by adjournment the nineteenth of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity, did not require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Wm St. Lawrence being unable to attend timely notice was given to Robert S. Davis, Special Commissioner who appeared and acted in his stead.

Abner Stearns } County

George C. Gills } Commissioners

R. S. Davis } Special Commisr.

which report being read and considered is accepted  
and the petition deemed to be dismissed.

Selection of  
Blanford, for  
circumstances a high  
way bridge as  
desired.

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Yours petitioners Selection of Blanford would respectfully represent that a highway and bridge recently located by your predecessors on the road leading from Blanford to East Granville, will cause the town great and unnecessary expense and the wants of the public will be better subserved by the discontinuance of such located road and bridge, for petitioners of which reference being had to the Order of location, We therefore would ask your honor to view the premises.



and destruction and build one and bridge and better and  
confer the said and bridge as now located by the public as  
follows, viz. Commencing near the tip of Mountain Hill on  
east, and running North and South River to corner and  
land of James Osborne to the ~~Osborne~~ North line, and as in duty  
bound, with care saving.

July 15 1834

James A. B. Thomsen & others

The foregoing petition was taken at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty three, and by adjournment on the seventh day of  
February eighteen hundred and fifty four.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises important and proper, gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house  
of James Osborne in Blandford on Friday the twenty eighth  
day of April next, at Nine o'clock A.M. — And it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his  
Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Blandford in  
said County, thirty days, at least before the said twenty  
eighth day of April, and that all other persons and  
corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereof, in the  
Springfield Republican, a Public Newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it  
was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said  
petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this  
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public  
places in the town of Blandford fourteen days before said  
twenty eighth day of April, and that notice be given in  
manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested,  
that the County Commissioners deem a view of the  
premises important and proper, and that notice of the  
same will be taken by them at the time and place  
aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order



make his return as follows.

Estimable Boice Sheriff

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*Amphipoda* 3

On the petition of the Selectmen of Blanford, Mass presented  
to said Commission representing and setting forth that a  
highway and bridge recently located by your predecessors on  
the route leading from Blanford to East Greenfield will  
cause to the town great and unnecessary expense, and the  
wants of the public be better subserved by the discontinuance  
of such location roads and bridges, for particulars of which  
reference being had to the order of location: We therefore  
would ask you honor to give the petition due diligence  
such located roads & Bridges, not locate and confirm the road  
& bridges as now traveled by the public as follows, viz.,  
Commencing near the top of Machine Hill so called, and  
running North up the Peck's river so called, and land of  
Amos Osborn to <sup>Said stream</sup> Fells Glean north line, & as in duty bound  
will ever pray. July 6 1850 We by said petition on file with  
approv.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises adjoining, appointed Friday the twenty eighth day of April & by agreement to have there met at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of James Osborn in Blanford as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Blanford, being the town within which such highway & bridge are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said



view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said second day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, there being no opposition said Commissioners, forthwith proceeded to locate as follows.

Commencing at a stone monument on the westerly side of the road leading from Blanford to East Greenville, on the easterly bank of Machine or Knox brook so called: then running North twenty six degrees East, seven rods & twenty two links to a maple tree marked H: then North twelve and a half quarter degrees East across Peck's River nine rods and four links to a stone monument: then North thirty four degrees East ten rods to a stone monument on the westerly side of the aforesaid Greenville road.

And having located all persons interested we have surveyed the same as follows.

In Cyms Osborn Twenty five acres — \$25.00



Almon Starnes } County Commissioners  
 Daniel White }

W. E. Moore } Agent Comptroller

where what long road was commenced is completed and  
 the road established as here a Public Highway

Deputies of Town  
 for Discontinuance  
 of a Highway in  
 Town

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
 The Subscribers of the Town of Tolland respectfully  
 represent to your Hon. Board that a certain piece of highway  
 or road situated in said town, to wit, commencing at or  
 near the house of Henry Blife and running westerly on the  
 East bank of Farmington river to the West line of the town  
 of Tolland is of no use to said Subscribers or to the traveling  
 Public. We therefore request your Honor to view said  
 road with a view of discontinuing the same, as we your  
 humble Petitioners as our duty bound could ever pray

Tolland April 14 1854

Peckham J. Moore } Subscribers  
 Oliver E. Starnes }

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
 County Commissioners holden for said County on the second  
 Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred &  
 fifty four

At which meeting the Commissioners claiming a view of the  
 premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would meet  
 for the purpose of said view at the Town Hall in Tolland on  
 Friday the Second day of June next at nine o'clock A.M. and  
 it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
 petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy  
 upon the Clerk of the town of Tolland in said County thirty days  
 at least before the said second day of June, and that all other  
 persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publish-  
 ing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the  
 Westfield Standard or Public Newspaper printed in said County  
 three weeks successively the last publications to be fourteen  
 days at least before the time of said view: And it was  
 further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said  
 petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order  
 be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy in two public places  
 in the town of Tolland fourteen days before said second day of  
 June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all



persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners  
deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view  
of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
Hampden Co. April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1834 - I have made service of the within  
petition and order by delivery of a true and attested copy thereof  
to the Clerk of the town of Tolland and by putting up copies of said  
petition and subpoena of said Court in two public places in said  
Tolland as within directed.

Peter Davis Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing  
as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on  
the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty four.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Tolland, their petition  
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that  
a certain piece of Highway or road situated in said Town  
(to wit) Commencing at or near the house of Henry Bliff  
and running westerly on the East bank of Farmington  
river to the west line of the town of Tolland is of  
no use to said Inhabitants, or to the traveling Public, we  
therefore request your Honors to view said road with a  
view of discontinuing the same, as we your humble peti-  
tioners our duty bound would ever pray.

Tolland April 1834.

As by said petition on  
file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient,  
appointed Friday the second day of June their next at  
nine o'clock in the forenoon at the town house of Tolland in  
said Town as the time and place for viewing the  
premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the Clerk of the town of Tolland, being the town within  
which said Highway lay which was done for thirty days  
at least before the time appointed for said view. And also  
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance  
thereof to be posted in two public places in said Town;  
and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a



Copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westford Standard a newspaper published in said County, said printing and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as aforesaid in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for examining said view.

And on the said second day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to have the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petitioners and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Consensus Consensus and necessity requires

That the prayer of the petitioners should be granted for discontinuance

William B. Latham being unable to attend said notice being given by the other members of the board to Daniel & White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead

Abner Hornet } hearing

George C. Gibbs } Commissioners

Daniel & White Special Commissioners

which report being read and considered was accepted and the discontinuance of the road specified in said report adjudge should be granted

And at an adjournment of said meeting held on the seventh day of June then next the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the Town House of Fiddland in said Town on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of July next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said discontinuance by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Westford Standard a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of July.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy send the Clerk of the House of Fiddland with a copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the aforesaid Sheriff in two



public places in and lanes of highway, days at least before  
the said twentieth day of July, at which time the said Commis-  
sioners will proceed to discontinue said highway, and will hear  
all persons and corporations, interested therein, who may then and  
then desire to be heard, and apply such damages as in their opinion  
may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said  
discontinuance.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the  
Sherriff of said County in pursuance of said Order makes his  
return as follows:

Hampden Co. June 24. 1854. I then made service of this  
Writ by delivering to the Town Clerk of Tolland a true  
and attested Copy of the within Petition and Order of the  
County Commissioners thereon, and also by posting up in two  
public places in said Tolland Copies of said Petition and  
Abstract of said Order containing the substance thereof as  
within directed.

Patrick Boice Sherriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing  
as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of  
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County,  
on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty four.

On the petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Tolland, then  
presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth  
that, a certain piece of highway or road situated in  
said Town to wit: — commencing at or near the house of  
Henry Blip and running Northwesterly on the East bank of  
Pawmington river to the west line of the town of Tolland, is  
of no use to the Inhabitants or the traveling public.

We therefore request your Honors to view said road, with a  
view of discontinuing the same, as our good petitioners as in  
duty bound would ever pray.

Tolland April 24. 1854

Charles F. Fierie }  
Oliver E. Heman } Justices

As by said petition and file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient,  
appointed Friday the second day of June then next, and



said Clerk in the forenoon at the Town House of Tolland in Tolland as the time and place for signing the petition, and caused a copy of said petition to be sent upon the Clerk of the Court of Tolland being the time within which such disbursements are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said case and also caused abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Tolland said Town: And also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westford Massena a News paper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fifteen days at least before the time appointed for said case and before said case was heard, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to persons interested of the time and place for commencing said case.

And on the said second day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the adjourned meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid on the seventh day of June 1844, then was at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjourning as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Monday the twenty fifth day of July then next at said Clerk in the forenoon at the Town House of Tolland in said Town as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to discontinue the road or prayer for, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for the discontinuance, in the same manner as the notice and publication were given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to cease (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fifth day of July said and proceeded to discontinue the portion of the road prayed for by the petitioners as follows.

Commencing at a stone monument on the road upon the Easterly bank of Farmington near a little northward of Henry Bluffs, thence then running North twenty four to half degree West twenty four rods and thence North twenty one



signs first eight rods. Then North eleven signs west, nine rods  
and fourteen links or link tree; then North two signs East seven rods  
to a Chestnut tree; then North eight & three quarter signs East  
thirteen rods to a rock marked H; then North fifty nine signs  
West to the line between Berkshire and Hampshire Counties.

The line runs on the Eastern or right hand side of the  
Highway.

William B. Cushman being unable to attend, Daniel G. White  
was notified and acted in his stead.

Alburt Hornet } County  
George C. Hills } Commis  
Daniel G. White } Special Commis

which report being read and considered is accepted and  
the road established as for a Public highway

The Votes for County Treasurer of the County of Hampshire  
having been counted, it appears that the whole number  
of votes is One thousand nine hundred and ninety two  
Necessary to a choice, nine hundred and ninety  
seven. — William Rice has one thousand nine  
hundred and sixty four and is declared by the  
County Commissioners Chosen.

and the said William Rice now appears and is  
sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties: and  
gives bond to the acceptance of the County Com-  
missioners

Henry A. Vail is appointed Physician to attend the  
prison in the jail and the house of correction, for the  
year ensuing from the first of July 1854 — for the  
sum of fifty dollars a year. The said Vail to  
 furnish Medicines &c

Vail appointed  
Physician

Hiram Bartholomew is licensed as a Common  
rector in the Center of the first Parish in  
West Springfield 1 June 27<sup>th</sup>

License



Survey accounts against the County being now  
presented for allowance amounting to the sum of Nine  
Hundred & thirty five dollars and Ninety five Cents are  
allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County  
Treasury. \$935.95

The following person is allowed the sum of 20 against his  
claim in full for damages to land by the location of a  
highway. And the County Treasurer is ordered to pay  
the same amounting to the sum of Two dollars &  
Twenty Cents.

To Eliza T. Moore & John H. Moore of Danvers

\$2.20

Amherst Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1880

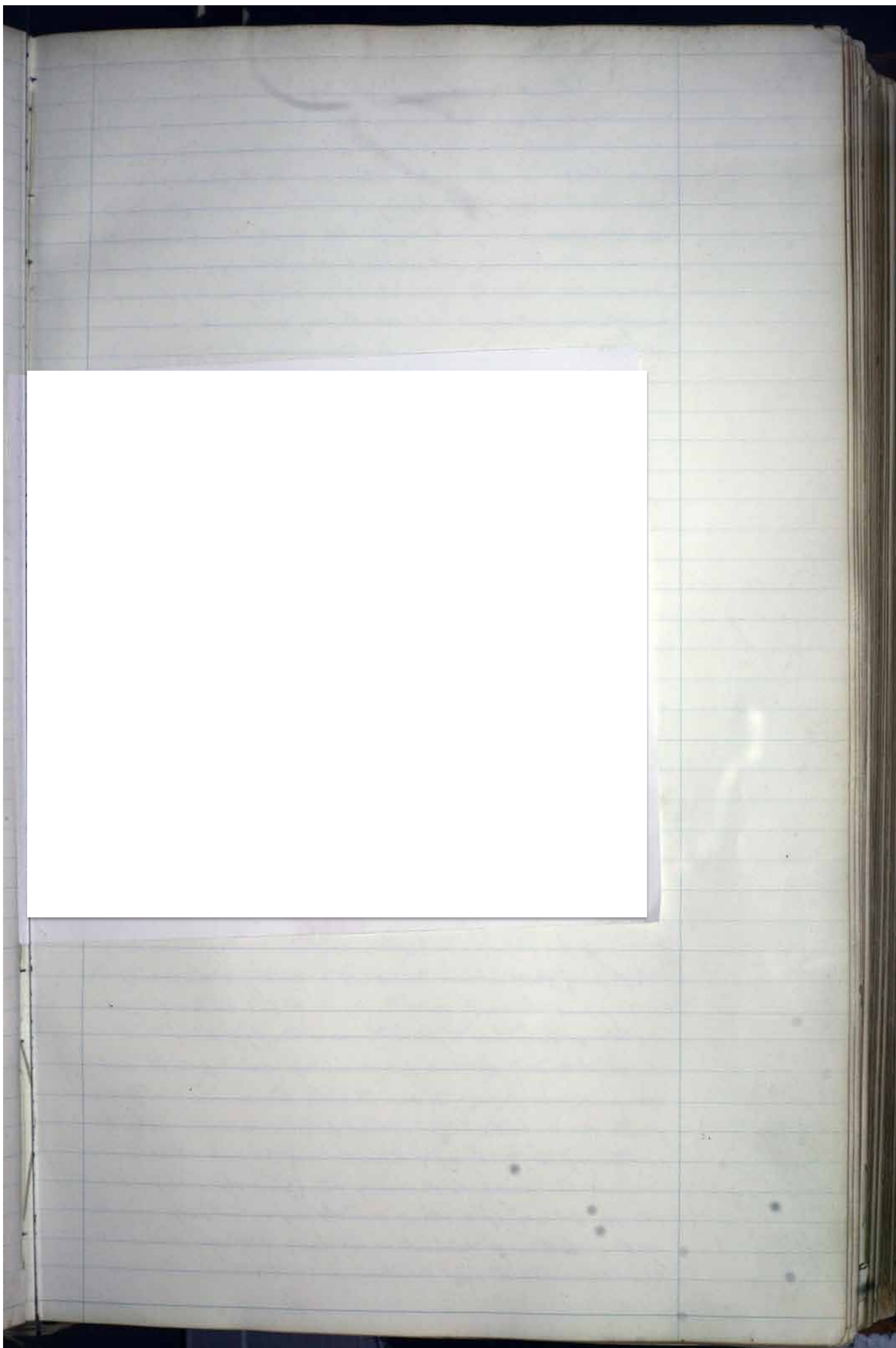
Business is taken up according to report to read  
all matters not acted upon, one ordered to be continued, and  
this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest. Wm. H. Morris Clerk



HALL OF JUSTICE  
50 STATE ST  
SPRINGFIELD, MA







Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

All a meeting of the County Commissioners began and helden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the third day of the month to the fourth day of said month and by adjournment on the seventh day of November to the eighth day of said month of November and by adjournment on the fifth day of December and from day to day to the seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Present

Oliver Homer Esq. County  
George C. Gilbe " Comptroller  
Daniel G. White " Special Commis-  
in place of W. B. Culham by who was absent

Oliver Homer & the  
Att. for highway in  
Southwick

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Sheweth that the Subscribed Inhabitants of Westfield and Southwick, that a public highway has been laid out and marked from near the paper line in West town in Westfield to the town line between Westfield and Southwick, and that this public convenience requires that said road should be completed to Service Street in Southwick. We therefore pray your Hon. body to cause and lay out a highway from the town line between Westfield & Southwick at the termination of said New Road to said Service Street to extend in Southwick, near the house of Sanford & Huggins and on or near the line of the road as laid out by the previous board of Co. Commissioners.

Oliver Homer & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

At which meeting the Commissioners viewing a view of the Hummer's report and map, your order that they would meet for the purpose of said line at the meeting house of Oliver Adams in Southwick on Thursday the tenth day of November next, at nine o'clock A.M.

and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick in said County thirty days at least before the said tenth day of November and that all other persons and



Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Town Letter, or public newspaper printed in said County. These orders accordingly, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the term of said term. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Southwick fourteen days before said tenth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners desire a view of the proposed expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year eighteen hundred and fifty four.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows,   
Hampden Co. October 8. 1853. By virtue of this order of the County Commissioners, I delivered a true and attested copy of the within petition and order to the Town Clerk of Southwick, and also made same posted up in two public places in said Southwick, Abstracts of said petition and order containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Peter B. Davis Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Aaron Nelson & others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a public highway has been laid out and worked from near the Paper Mill in West Parish in Westfield to the town line between Westfield & Southwick, and that the Public convenience requires that said road should be completed to Loren's Street in Southwick: We therefore pray your Hon. body to view and lay out a highway from the town line between Westfield & Southwick at the termination of



Said New road to said Lewis Street (or cut-off) in Southwick near the house of Benjamin B. Hollogg, and on or near the line of the road as laid out by the previous board of County Commissioners.

Oliver Nelson & others.

As by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appeared Thursday, the tenth day of November then next, and were then in the forenoon at the house of Oliver Nelson in Southwick at the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick, being the town within which said Highway is situated as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New-Letter a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for examining said view.

And on the said tenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners said there was there adjudge that Commerce, Convenience and Necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

William B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given by the other members of the board to Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared & acted in his stead.

Oliver Nelson } County Commissioners  
George C. Gilh }

Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road as specified in said report, adjudge of Commerce, Convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that



said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Aaron Nelson in Southwick on Sunday the eighteenth day of September next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Westfield Times Letter as further more fully printed in said County, there were accordingly the last publication to be fourteen days or less before the said eighteenth day of September.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Southwick with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Southwick fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of September at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway. And will hear all persons and expiations interested therein, when may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was returned to this meeting

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 24. 1854. I render service of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the town of Southwick a true copy thereof and posting up in two public places in said Southwick copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof.

Patrick Bone Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Aaron Nelson and others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a Public Highway has been cut out and worked from near the Paper Mill in West Parish in Westfield to the town line between Westfield & Southwick



and that the public convenience requires that said road should be completed to Lewis Street in Southwick. We therefore pray your Hon. body to view & lay out a highway from the town line between Westfield & Southwick, at the termination of said new road to said Lewis Street (so called) in Southwick near the House of Benjamin M. Votey and on or near the line of the road as laid out by the previous board of County Commissioners  
 Oliver Nelson & others  
 as by said petition in file now appears.

The Commissioners, viewing a view of the petitioners' affidavit, Thursday, the tenth day of November then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Ebenezer Nelson in Southwick at the time and place for viewing the petitioners' and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick being the town within which such Highway is situated, twenty four days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused a libel of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the last letter or newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as aforesaid in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for viewing said view.

And on the said tenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the petitioners, and being viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and by adjournments until the eighteenth day of September next ensuing, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted; and after adjudging as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Monday the eighteenth day of September then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Ebenezer Nelson in said Southwick as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate said



highway, and the said Commission having given notice of the application and the time and place appointed for locating said highway in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition with a copy thereof) on said eighteenth day of September said notice presented to locate said highway as follows to-wit:

Commencing at a Stone Monument on land of Isaac Nelson in Westfield which bears from the South easterly corner of said Nelson dwelling house South forty nine & a half degrees East thirteen rods & one link; Then running South twenty eight and a quarter degrees West forty four rods and three links to a Stone Monument in Smithwick; At the westerly end or commencement of this course a cut will be required of two feet and the general grade of the road bed is to correspond with the same; Then South Seventeen degrees West twenty eight rods & thirteen links to a Stone; Then South sixty one and a quarter degrees West thirty one rods and fifteen links to a Stone; On the height of the ground at the westerly end of this course a cut will be required of two & a half feet and the road bed at either end thereof is to conform to the same; Then South seventeen & three fourth degrees West thirty nine rods & eleven links to a Stone; Then South thirteen and three quarter degrees West twenty four rods and two links to a Stone; On this course a bridge will be required five feet long & two feet high in the clear and sixteen feet wide, two sluices will also be required on this course of sufficient capacity to admit of a free passage of all accumulating water on either side of the road bed, which is to be well thrown up; Then South thirteen and three quarter degrees East ten rods & twenty two links to a Stone; Then South twenty eight & three quarter degrees East thirteen rods and four links to a Stone; On this course a bridge must be built forty feet long and sixteen feet wide and elevated nine feet in the clear above the bed of the brook and the road bed at either end to conform to the height of the same; Then South fifteen & a quarter degrees East fourteen rods to a Stone; Then South two & three quarter degrees East twenty nine rods & two links to a Stone on the westerly side of an old road (known as Loomis Street) the line run on



on the Eastern or left hand side of the highway over the same is located these road sides.

The following is the location of a branch from the foregoing road - Beginning at a Stone Monument on the Eastern side of said road, then running North forty Six & one half degrees East, eight rods & eleven links to a Stone; then North Seventy two & one half degrees East, thirty seven rods & twelve links to a Stone Monument on the Western side of the first mentioned old road - The line runs are on the Eastern or right hand side of the location which is these road sides.

Wherever the grade of the road is not specifically mentioned the same must be made as nearly uniform as the nature of the ground will admit of from one angle to another.

The road bed is to be well thrown up and where it is soft & springy to be properly hardened.

All necessary railing to be constructed: all the abutments of the bridges are to be of stone: and those of the long bridge are to be at least six feet thick at the bottom and summit & added, and to be protected by wing walls, three feet thick at the bottom: there must be seven stringers, and they must be not less than twelve inches through at the bottom: the outside stringers are to be supported by large braces of timber ten inches square, double bolted into each end and bolted thereto, the braces are to be elevated in the center five feet with an inch & a half iron rod running from the top down through the stringers & through a girder twelve inches square, which is to run across under the stringers and extend out five feet on each side, with an inch & a quarter iron rod running from the ends of the girder to the top of the braces: all the iron rods to have three or four threads cut far enough to have the work secured firmly together with nuts & washers.

The covering plank are to be not less than two and a half inches thick: there must also be a timber thirty feet long, ten inches square placed on top of the planks over the center of the out side stringers and well secured by three quarter inch iron bolts through the stringers.

The road bed is to be widened eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches. - All the materials used are to be good and well suited to their purposes.

The whole work is to be well & thoroughly done and to the



acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July next.

Business of land not allowed until the first day of February next to remove their seeds, trees &c therefrom.

After having made such location and hearing all parties interested in the question of damages who desired to be heard, the Commissioners proceeded to estimate and apportion the same as follows.

To Paul & Le Kellogg eighty & sixty is one hundred & twenty dollars per-

- Apollon Sampson thirty dollars 30-

- Lemuel Holcomb One hundred dollars 100-

Leason Nelson, Samuel W Kellogg and Thomas Kellogg, claim no damage, and none is assessed for them.

William B Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given by the other members of the board to R E Bemis one of the Special Commissioners, and he appeared and acted in his stead.

Alfred Horner } County  
George C Gille } Commissioners  
R E Bemis Special Comms

which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as & for a public Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden: Thereon Warrant  
Your petitioners respectfully represent, that in their opinion the public convenience does not require any other alteration of  
part of a road formerly laid leading from near highway in Westfield  
Whitcomb's paper mill in Westfield to Lemuel Street near & Southwick.  
Lemuel C Kellogg in Southwick; but we do believe that  
by making alterations and improvements one road  
near the old road, leading from Corlies Bridge in said  
Westfield to said Lemuel Street in Southwick, the  
public necessities will be far better supplied. If in  
your opinion said road from said paper mill to  
Lemuel Street, is required, we ask of you that you  
will view said road, and make such alterations  
in any part of same, and to any termini that  
the nature of the case, and wants of the public



seem to you, the demands requiring in this petition to  
lay the whole matter before you if discontinuance of the  
case, or a whole, or alterations on the same, or alterations  
and improvements on the other, as in the opinion of  
your Honorable Board. The Public necessities require  
that you will view and not shun is the prayer of  
your petitioners

Southwark 25 Decr 1333

Thos. Warner & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners held on for said County on the  
fourth Sunday of December in the year of our Lord eight  
hundred and fifty three.

At which meeting the Commissioners viewing & considering  
of the petition & of the said petitioners, gave notice that  
they would meet for the purpose of said view at Westfield  
proper place in Westfield on Tuesday the twenty fifth day  
of April next at nine o'clock A.M. — And it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his  
deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield and  
Southwark in said County, thirty days at least before  
the said twenty fifth day of April and that all persons  
persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a  
copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield  
News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County, three  
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said view. — And it was further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract con-  
taining the substance thereof and this order, be put up by  
said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town of  
Westfield & Southwark fourteen days before said twenty fifth day  
of April, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all  
persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners  
view & view of the petition & of the said petitioners, and that a  
view of the same will be taken by them at the time and  
place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes  
his return as follows.

Hampton Jr. March 7<sup>th</sup> 1334 — I made service of this precept



by placing in the Town Clerk's of Westford & Southwick Town Clerk  
of the within Petition and of the order of the County Commissioners thereon  
and by putting up in two public places in each of said Town of Southwick  
and Westford Copies of said Petition and abstracts of said order  
containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Patience Brien Sheriff

And now at this meeting there having been for various reasons  
no further proceedings had under said order. It is ordered  
that this Petition be dismissed without Costs.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The undersigned Citizens of Hallowell respectfully  
request that Ulrich P. Marcy has a road by his house  
and that the road from Butternutts Mills to the School  
house is circuitous and that a road laid from the  
road near Wright Butternutts by said Marcy's house  
to the road near the School house in the same district  
would save a great distance in the travel. Passing  
through land of John C. Butternutts, Ben W. Brown,  
Elisha Marcy and Ulrich P. Marcy. They therefore  
respectfully request your honors would view said  
route and establish a new road as the public good  
and convenience requires.

Hallowell March 31. 1854

Ulrich P. Marcy & others.

The foregoing Petition was returned at a Meeting  
of the County Commissioners held for said County on the  
Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty four.

At which Meeting the Commissioners viewing a view of the  
Premises Applicant and Deputies gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of  
Elisha Marcy in Hallowell on Tuesday the twenty third day of  
May next, at Nine O'clock A.M. — And it was ordered  
by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said Petition  
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,  
upon the Clerk of the Town of Hallowell in said County,  
thirty days at least, before the said twenty third day of  
May, and that all other persons and Corporations inter-  
ested therein be notified, by publishing a Copy of said  
Petition and this order thereon, in the Hampshire Post — a

Ulrich P. Marcy &  
others Pet for highway  
in Hallowell



public newspaper printed in said County these Acts in conformity  
 the first Publication to be printed once at least before the terms  
 of said Court. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners  
 that Copies of said Petition or abstracts containing the substance  
 thereof and this order be posted up by some Sheriff or Deputy in  
 two public places in the town of Attitash fourteen days before  
 said twenty third day of May and that notice be given in  
 common aforsaid to all persons and Corporations interested that  
 the County Commissioners claim a view of the premises upon which  
 said Paper and that a view of the same will be taken by them  
 at the time and place aforsaid.

At an adjourned Hearing of this Court. The Sheriff of  
 said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co April 22 1854 - I made service of the within  
 Petition and order thereon by the delivery of a true and attested  
 Copy thereof to the Clerk of the town of Attitash in said County and  
 caused notice to be given up in two public places in said town of  
 Attitash more than fourteen days before the day appointed by the  
 County Commissioners for a view of the premises containing a copy  
 of said Petition and abstracts of said Order containing the  
 substance thereof.

Palmer Deane Sheriff

At which adjourned Meeting the Commissioners made their report  
 in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County  
 of Hampden held at Springfield in said County, on the second  
 Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty four.

On the petition of Ulrich P. Morrey & others, then presenters  
 to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that Ulrich P.  
 Morrey has no road by his house, and that the road by Butler  
 worths Mills to the School house in Circumstance, and that a road  
 leads from the road near Dwight Buttricks by said Morrey's  
 house to the road near the School House in the same district,  
 would save a great distance in the travel, passing through  
 land of John C. Buttrick, Oliver W. Brown, Elisha Morrey  
 and Ulrich P. Morrey: They therefore respectfully request your  
 Honors would view said road and establish a new road as  
 the public good and convenience requires - As by said  
 petition on file will appear: -



The Commissioners, having a view of the premises, appointed  
Tuesday the twenty third day of May the next and were & were  
at the premises at the house of Eliza Manning in Holland at the  
time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a Copy of  
said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holland  
being the town within which said highway was situated  
at prayer for thirty days at least before the time appointed  
for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition  
containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places  
in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested  
by causing a Copy of said petition to be published three weeks  
successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in  
said County, said printing: and the last publication of said  
Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view: and before said view was had,  
said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as  
described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all  
persons interested, of the time and place for  
viewing said view.

And on the said twenty third day of May the Com-  
missioners met at the time and place appointed, and  
proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the  
same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the  
parties at the same time of said view: and having  
heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded  
to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said  
petition: and after considering the same, said Com-  
missioners did then and there adjudge that Common  
Convenience and Necessity require, that the prayer of  
the petitioners be granted.

William B. Cushman being unable to attend, and notice  
was given Robert E. Dennis by the other members of the board.  
One of the Special Commissioners who appeared was not  
in his stead.

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Felt } Commissioners  
R. E. Dennis Special Commis.

which report being read and considered was accepted  
and the road prayed for as specified in said report adjudge  
of Common Convenience and Necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the



County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that Notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Elsie Perry in Stillman on Tuesday the fifth day of September next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said road by publishing an abstract of said petition and that order thereon, in the Hampden Post a public Newspaper printed in said County, three Weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of September.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Stillman fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of September at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said road and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard and make such objections as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And that petition was returned to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes this return as follows.

Hampton J. August 1, 1854. — I made notice of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the town of Stillman a true copy thereof and posting up in two public places in said town copies of said petition and abstracts of the order of the County Commissioners containing the substance thereof.

Patrick Davis Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commissioners of Massachusetts

Hampton Jp.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four.

On the petition of Uriah P. Morrey Petitioner then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that Uriah P. Morrey has no road by his house and that the road from



Bullworth's Wells to the School house at Circleville, and that a road laid from the road near Dwight Bullworth by said Marcy's house to the road near the School house in said district would save a great distance in the travel passing through land of John C. Bullworth, Benj. H. Brown, Eliza Marcy and Mark P. Marcy, they therefore respectfully request your honors to view the said route and establish a new road as the public good and convenience require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners receiving a view of the premises captioned as above preceding the twenty third day of May then next, and being present in the forenoon at the house of Eliza Marcy in Holland as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the Town of Holland, being the town within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty third day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and being viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Monday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the



Petitioners should be granted. And after adjourning as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the fifth day of September then next at Nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Elisha Henry in said Stoddard as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for locating said highway in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view / insert publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof / on the said fifth day of September, next and proceeded to locate the same as follows.

Commencing at a monument on the southerly line of the highway near an apple tree and standing North 33° East - nineteen links from the southerly corner of Knight Buttricks dwelling house: thence twenty three East, Seventeen Rods & eleven links to a Stone monument: thence South twenty seven degrees East, twelve rods & fifteen links to a Stone monument: thence South, Thirteen & half degrees East, twenty two rods & five links to a Stone monument: thence West one degree, eighteen rods & twenty links to a Stone monument: thence South Seventeen & half degrees East, nine rods & three links to a Stone monument: thence South Sixty one degrees East, eight rods & ten links to a Stone monument: thence South Twenty five degrees, East, twelve rods to a Stone monument: thence South fifty seven degrees East, forty four rods to a Stone monument by the highway: said road is laid exactly from the above named lines two & a half rods wide, except near the turnpike line in front of said Manys house which is laid two rods wide: the road here to be worked sixteen feet wide exclusive of ditches and well crowned: the Bridge near Buttricks to be Eleven feet wide over six feet high in the clear: the Culvert near Manys to be four feet wide three feet high the abutments of said Bridge to be of stone and laid permanent: the whole to be done to the satisfaction of the Commissioners on or before the first of July 1855.

Owners of land are allowed till the first of February 1855, to remove timber, wood and trees: After such



location and hearing all persons interested therein who desired to be heard. The Commissioners proceeded to estimate damages and apportion the same as follows.

To George H. Deane fifty dollars \$50.00  
To Abner H. May, fifty dollars 50.00

Here Wm. B. Colburn being absent and unable to attend due notice was given by the other Commissioners to A. B. Davis one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Abner H. May } County  
George C. Felt } Commissioners  
A. B. Davis Special Commisr

which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as a Public Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Selectmen of  
Respectfully represent the undersigned Selectmen of Westfield for  
of the town of Westfield that the inhabitants of said town are desirous of having the road leading  
Westward from the South end of Morley's bridge so  
called in West Springfield and extending to the road  
leading from Little river to Peeding hills discontinued  
and may you to view said road for that purpose.  
And also if your honorable board deem it proper to  
discontinue said road. Your petitioners pray you to  
view a route Southward from said road for the  
purpose of laying a road South of said road to connect  
at some convenient point with said Peeding Hills  
road and the road running South from said bridge.  
Westfield June 27. 1851.

Henry Butler & others Selectmen of Westfield  
The foregoing petition was returned at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners held for said County on the  
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners, during a view of  
the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they  
would meet for the purpose of said view at the meeting  
house of Roswell King in Westfield on Thursday the  
seventeenth day of August next at nine O'clock A.M.



And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Westfield in said County, thirty days at least, before the said thirtieth day of August, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be published at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before said thirtieth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises aforesaid and proper, and that a view of the same, will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was returned to this Meeting.  
And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 15. 1854. I made service of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the Town of Westfield a true copy thereof and posting up in two public places in said Town copies of said petition and abstracts of said Order containing the substance thereof.

Patrick Davis Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in Writing as follows.

Commissioners of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty four.

On the petition of Henry Fuller & others: Then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Inhabitants of Westfield are desirous of having the road leading Westerly from the South end of Malins Bridge so called in West Springfield and extending to the road leading to Little River to Picking Hills discontinued, and pray you to close said road for that purpose.



and also if your honorable board deem it proper to discontinue said  
road your petitioners pray you to order a route lawfully from said  
road for the purpose of laying a road south of said road to  
connect at some convenient point with said Reading hill road &  
the road running south from said bridge.

Westfield June 27<sup>th</sup> 1834 Henry Pickett & others, petitioners of Westfield  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient,  
appointed Thursday the seventeenth day of August then next,  
at four o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Benard Thompson  
in Westfield at the time and place for viewing the premises  
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon  
the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within  
which such highway discontinuance was prayed for,  
thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view:  
and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the  
substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in West-  
field: and also gave notice to all persons interested by  
causing a copy of said petition to be published three  
weeks successively in the Westfield Standard or some  
paper published in said County, said posting and the  
last publication of said copy having been fourteen days  
at least before the time appointed for said view: and  
before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice  
in like manner as directed in the foregoing notice of  
the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place  
for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of August the Commissioners  
met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
view the premises, and having viewed the same, the  
Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same  
time of said view: And having heard the parties, said  
Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge  
upon the prayer of said petitioners: and after considering the  
same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge  
that because convenience and necessity, do not  
require that the prayer of the petitioners should be  
granted.

Wm B. Eastman Esq. being unable to  
attend due notice being given by the other  
Commissioners to Dant G. White



Edward Henry T. Connelley

George C. Gibbs } Correspondent

Samuel G. White 3<sup>d</sup> Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted, and  
the prayer of the petitioners, adjudged to be well founded for public  
convenience & necessity.

Now it is evident that the <sup>of</sup> Statistic be dismissed.

Accounts

Tuesday Accounts against the County amounting to the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety six dollars and forty four cents are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County

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To James Merton - Pub. of D. Caplanov. - Dec. 20

*Cygnus Colburn* of *Saltwater of Maryland* 25. 00

*Wheaton (over Forest) (to Royal Academy) Part of Arch. & Letters* 108 v.

Keena Fred. Wisdom. Chair of Tech. Inst. and

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Sacch. B. Merrill

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Amurto 7<sup>o</sup> Decembre 1814

Judgment is entered up according to stipulations. Court adjourns until next term. Cause is continued to be continued, not that  
 nothing is adjourned without day.

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Wm. M. M. M. M.







Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty sixth day of the month to the twenty seventh day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and by adjournment on the twenty third day of January to the twenty fourth day of said month of January and by adjournment on the sixth day of March and by adjournment on the thirteenth day of said month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Ordering on the said 26<sup>th</sup> day of December

Abner Homer Esq. County  
George C. Gibbs " Commission  
Robert C. Davis " Special Commis-  
sioner in place of W.B. Cuthbert who was absent

Francis Brewer Esq. having been declared by the Board of examiners duly elected County Commissioners for the County of Hampden in place of William B. Cuthbert Esq. and having been duly sworn before Oliver B. Morris and George B. Morris Esq. Commissioners to qualify civil officers appears on said twenty sixth day of December and the board consisting of Abner Homer Esq. George C. Gibbs Esq. and Francis Brewer Esq. proceed to the choice of a chairman of said board. The whole number votes is three of which Abner Homer has two and is chosen.

Inhabitants of  
Wilbraham pet.  
for discon<sup>g</sup> of  
highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden,  
The Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham in said  
County respectfully represents, that at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday  
of April A.D. 1855 - on the petition of Samuel A. Moody  
and others, a certain highway or alterations in a certain  
highway in said Town, commencing at a Stone on the



on the northerly side of the road leading from -  
John Mc Bray's to South Wilbraham Center, and  
running through South Wilbraham Center, and by  
the house of John Ormeby to a stone near the foot  
of the hill about half a mile southeasterly of the  
house of said Ormeby, were ordered and located,  
reference being had to said order and location for  
a more particular description thereof. - And your  
petitioners represent that the highway and alterations  
located and ordered as aforesaid are unnecessary,  
and not required by the exigences of public travel,  
and will occasion great and unreasonable expense  
to your petitioners and to the County. They therefore  
pray that your Board will view the premises, and  
discontinue the highway and alterations located and  
ordered as aforesaid. Dated this twenty eighth day  
of June A.D. 1853

The Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham by -

John Mc Bray } Committee  
John Carpenter } of  
Saml. L. Merrick } said Town

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty three. at which  
meeting, the County Commissioners, during a view  
of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that  
they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the  
dwelling house of John Mc Bray in Wilbraham on Wednesday  
the thirty first day of August next, at nine o'clock A.M.  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that  
a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of  
said County, or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the Town  
of Wilbraham in said County, thirty days at least,  
before the said thirty first day of August and that  
all other persons and corporations interested therein be  
notified by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order therein, in the Springfield Republican a  
public newspaper printed in said County, three  
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen  
days at least before the time of said view. And it was



further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of — Wilbraham fourteen days before said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, —

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty three —

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows, —

Hampden. ss. June 7<sup>th</sup> 1853 I hereby certify that I have this day served the within petition and order on the Town Clerk of said town Horace McMillan by giving him in hand a true and attested copy of this petition and order as within directed, and on the same seventh day of the same July, I posted up in two public places in said town of Wilbraham copies of this petition and abstracts of this order in the store of S. C. Spelman and on the door of the School house near the house of John Mc Gray in said town as within directed.

John H. Comstock, Deputy Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and the said Commissioners appointed Thursday the seventeenth day of November then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Mc Gray in said Wilbraham as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate.

And this petition was continued from meeting to this meeting, and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows, —

Commencing at a Stone on the northerly side of the present road leading from John Mc Gray's to South Wilbraham Centre and then running on the northerly side of the Highway as altered by the location North fifty nine degrees and fifty minute East sixteen rods and nineteen links on



said road and land of William D. Burt to an appleton  
marked two feet from the ground, then on said Burt  
South forty seven degrees and forty minutes East, twenty  
two rods and five links; then North fifty one and three  
quarter degrees East, seven rods and twenty two links  
on land of said Burt and land of Beniah and William  
B. Smith to a hole drilled in a rock; then North fifty  
five and three quarter degrees East, twelve rods on land  
of said Smith and land of Robert Sessions to a stone  
monument; then North fifty degrees East, eight rods to  
a stone; then North sixty three and a third degrees East,  
eight rods to a stone; then North sixty seven and a  
quarter degrees East, nine rods and eighteen links to  
a hole drilled in a rock; then North sixty and a quarter  
degrees East, nine rods and ten links on land of said  
Sessions and land belonging to the heirs of William Mosely  
to a stone monument, then on said Mosely heirs North  
fifty nine and a half degrees East ten rods to a stone  
monument opposite the easterly end of the mill yard.  
then North sixty eight and a half degrees East, thirty rods  
and six links to a hole drilled in a rock; then North  
twenty two degrees East fifteen rods and ten links to  
a stone monument on said heirs line; then on Robert  
Sessions land South eighty nine degrees East, nine rods  
and four links to a stone; then North eighty five degrees  
and five minutes East, fifteen rods and fourteen links  
to a stone set in the ground; then North twenty seven  
degrees and fifty five minutes East, nine rods and ten  
links on land of said Sessions and land of Scripture  
dage & Co; then North forty seven and a half degrees East,  
thirty six rods and six links to a stone on the northerly  
line of the present road; thus far the Highway as at present  
is located three rods wide, except that part thereof  
which lies between the westerly line of said Mosely  
heirs and their pasture that lies East of the old Mill  
yard which is located thirty seven feet wide; then  
South eighty and a quarter degrees East twelve rods and  
twenty three links to a point bearing North one degree  
West fifty feet from the northwest corner of Sumner  
Sessions Mosely Mill; on this last distance the road  
is to widen so as to include a point of land on the



Southerly side of the Leconte river, in line with the southerly line of the Tail Race of said Mill; Easterly of the river the road is to be fifty feet wide to the point opposite the Mill as above mentioned.

Then running from the point bearing North one degree west fifty feet from said corner of said Mill and running on the northerly line of said highway as altered, North Eighty eight and three quarter degrees East, fifty six rods to a stone monument: then North eighty seven and a half degrees East ten rods and seven links to a stone: then North eighty seven degrees and five minutes East, thirty nine rods and three links to a stone bearing North twelve degrees East four rods and twenty four links to from a stone standing there and a quarter of a foot northerly and in line with the Easterly line of William B. Spelman's Store: then North fifty four and a quarter degrees East, three rods and fourteen links to a stone on the Easterly line of the road running Northerly in the direction of the dwelling house of Samuel Beebe, then North Eighty five and a quarter degrees East thirteen rods and nineteen links to a stone: then North eighty four degrees and thirty five minutes East, fifteen rods and fourteen links to a stone: then East eight rods and eleven links to a stone: then South eighty six degrees and five minutes East, four rods and four links to a stone: then South Eighty four and three quarter degrees East five rods and seventeen links to a stone: then South twenty eight and a half degrees East, twelve rods to a stone: then South seventy three degrees and forty minutes East, eleven rods and six links to a stone near the brook. —

Then beginning the southerly line of said highway as altered at a stone bearing South fourteen and three quarter degrees West, three rods from the last mentioned stone and running the southerly line, North twenty five and a quarter degrees West, eleven rods and thirteen links to a stone, then North twenty eight and a quarter degrees West ten rods and five links to a stone: then North Eighty one and a quarter degrees West six rods and twenty four links to a stone monument, then North eighty six and a quarter degrees West four rods and six links to a stone: then South eighty nine and three quarter



degrees West Eight rods and five links to a stone then South  
Eighty nine and a quarter degrees West one rod and nineteen  
links to a stone: then South twenty six and a half degrees  
West six rods and seven links to a stone: then South sixty  
four and a half degrees West twenty six rods to a stone  
standing westerly of the road leading southerly across  
the location: then North seventeen degrees and fifteen  
minutes West six rods and twenty one links to a stone  
standing three and a quarter feet northerly and in  
line with the easterly side of William B. Spelman's  
stone: then South eighty nine degrees West one hundred  
and four rods to the Northwest corner of said wooden  
Mill: another alteration as located, commences at the  
North east corner of the Barn belonging to Experience  
Stebbins and sister and running in the right hand or  
southwesterly line of the location South fifty one degrees  
and ten minutes East six rods and twenty three links  
to a stone: the Highway thus far is to be three rods  
wide at the beginning and ten and a half rods wide  
at the end of the distance: by a line bearing North  
twenty and a half degrees East from the stone: then  
contracting the location to three rods wide and running  
on said right hand line South twenty three and a  
quarter degrees East eighteen rods and nine links to  
a stone: on the South easterly line of said Stebbins  
land: then on ~~easterly~~ <sup>land</sup> line Ebenezer Howlet, South  
twenty six and a half degrees East four rods and  
fourteen links to a stone: then South thirty six  
degrees and ten minutes East eleven rods and four  
links to a stone: then North forty four degrees and  
ten minutes East twenty five rods to a stone mon-  
ument: then South fifty nine degrees East four rods to  
a stone: then South eighty seven degrees and forty  
minutes East sixteen rods and thirteen links to a stone  
on Horace Pease's westerly line and five feet southerly  
from the Northwest corner of his farm: then South  
eighty three degrees and fifty minutes East twenty five  
rods and twenty one links to a stone three rods southerly  
of said Howlet's south line: then South eighty nine  
and three quarter degrees East fourteen rods and  
thirteen links to a stone: then South eighty nine and a



half degree East, thirty eight rods and twenty links to a stone: then South forty four and a half degree East four rods to a stone: then South forty seven and a half degree East twelve rods to a stone, three rods westerly of the present travelled road: then South forty three and one third degree East, nine rods and seven links to a stone: then South fifty nine and a half degree East twenty one rods and eight links on the westerly side of the present road:—

Then beginning at a point on the Easterly line of the Highway as altered bearing north fifty seven and a half degree East forty nine feet from the last mentioned stone: then running the Easterly line South thirty three and a half degree East seven rods and seven links, the road to widen so as to be fifty feet wide at the end of this distance: then South nine degrees East forty five rods to an Elm tree in front of Orrin Goodell's House: on this distance the road is to narrow so as to be forty nine feet wide, at seven rods and fifteen links on this distance and then to widen so as to be three rods wide at the Elm tree aforesaid,

Another alteration begins at the southerly line of a road leading in the direction of Monson and running the Easterly line of location South forty one and three quarter degrees East, eleven rods to a stone: then South fifty four degrees and fifty five minutes East, seventeen rods and seventeen links to a stone: then South thirty four degrees East eight rods to a stone: then South twenty three and a half degree East sixteen rods to a stone in the Easterly line of the present road in the southerly side of a bar way, this location to be three rods wide the entire length.—

Another alteration commences about fifty rods southeasterly of the House of John Cornsby at a stone and thence running the westerly line of location South twenty seven degrees and fifty minutes East thirteen rods to a Black Oak stub near the top of the Hill this alteration is located three rods wide.—

Another alteration commences at a stone on the hill on the southerly line of the present road and near another road leading in the direction of Monson: then



running the southerly line of the Highway as altered South forty one degrees and thirty five minutes East Seventeen rods to a stone near the foot of the Hill, this portion of the Highway is located four rods wide, no person appearing to claim damages for such discontinuance and none are sustained in the judgment of said Commissioners.

William B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given by the other members of the board to R. C. Bemis one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
R. C. Bemis } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted and the said road discontinued as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Avery Herriek and The undersigned respectfully represents that the highway shown set for alteration in Westfield leading from the Green to Granville line of Highway in requires alteration - They therefore pray the Commissioners Westfield - be ordered to view said highway and make such alterations as the public convenience and necessity require.

April 7 1854

Avery Herriek & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four at which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield on Tuesday the thirtieth day of May next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield in said County thirty days, at least, before the said thirtieth day of May and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said



petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be <sup>fourteenth day</sup> at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before said 5<sup>th</sup> day of May and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. —

And at said meeting holden by adjournment on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June then ensuing the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows —

Hampden Co. April 22 1854 By direction of the within order I delivered to the Town Clerk of Westfield a copy of the within petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon and posted up in two public places in said Westfield copies of said petition and abstracts of said order as within directed

Patrick Reid. Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of Arny Horrick and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the highway in Westfield leading from the Green to Granville line requires alterations, they therefore pray the Commissioners to view said highway and make such alterations as the public convenience and necessity require April 7<sup>th</sup> 1854, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the thirtieth day of May then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises



and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such highway lies prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirtieth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part. William B. Cathown being unable to attend and notice being given by the other members to Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners he appeared in his stead.

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners.  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations in part as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield on Thursday the tenth day of August next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and the order thereon, in the



Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said tenth day of August, and it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Westfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstract containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield fourteen days at least before the said tenth day of August at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows, -

Hampden. ss. June 30<sup>th</sup> 1854 I then made service of this process by delivering to the clerk of the town of Westfield a true and attested copy of this petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon and by posting up in two public places in said Westfield copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Patrick. Boice, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. ss.

at a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of Avery Herriot and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Highway in Westfield leading from the Green to Granville line requires alterations. They therefore pray the Commissioners to view said highway and make such alterations as the public convenience and necessity require, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises



expedient, appointed Tuesday, the thirtieth day of May, then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such highway was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirtieth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till an adjourned meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the seventh day of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the tenth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in said town as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and make specific repairs and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for making said location and repairs in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said



petition instead of a copy thereof, on the said tenth day of August met and proceeded to locate said highway and make specific repairs as follows: The Hooppole brook bridge westerly of the house of James Noble is required to be raised one foot and to be lengthened four feet and the hills on either end thereof are required to be brought to a grade of four degrees and to conform to the height of the bridge and to be eighteen feet in width.

The bridge at said Noble's dwelling house is required to be rebuilt at nearly right angles with the road the northerly end to be as far North as the present bridge and to be twenty four feet in length and eight feet in breadth and to be elevated four feet in the clear from the bed of the brook and the road at the bridge to conform in elevation and width to the height and length of the bridge.

The hill near the house of Joshua Loomis must be brought to a grade of four degrees and the road bed made sufficiently crowning to cause the water to pass from the center of the road to the ditches on either side of the road.

The hill northerly of the house of Avery Herrick must be brought to a grade of four and a half degrees and the construction of the road at the place must conform in all respects with the road near the dwelling house of Joshua Loomis.

The easterly part of the hill near Chapmans Saw Mill must be brought to an uniform grade and made to conform to the westerly part of said hill as nearly as the surface of the ground will admit and the construction of the road bed to be the same as before mentioned.

In all places where rocks or ledges are so near the travelled path or within the required width of the road bed as to endanger the public travel, it is required that the rocks or ledges shall be removed and whenever the road bed shall require hardening, it must be covered ten inches in depth with clay or gravel. Whenever sluices are used they must be built of stone with stone covering and of sufficient width to freely pass the water from one side of the road to the other.

Whenever railings are required, they must be built of chestnut poles which must be at least four inches in diameter at the small end and placed on chestnut or white-



oak posts and well fastened, elevated two feet above the surface of the ground. The road bed in all the places where specific repairs are required must be twenty feet in width exclusive of ditches, and in all places where encroachments have been made upon the line of the highway it is required that the fences shall be placed upon the true line of the highway. —

In the construction and specific repairs of the road above named it will be required by the County Commissioners that the road shall be thoroughly and skilfully worked and completed to their acceptance on or before the first day of October eighteen hundred and fifty five. —

After hearing all persons and corporations interested in the above named highway and no person or corporation claiming damages, no damages have been assessed William B. Calhoun Esq one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend, after due notice being given Daniel S. White one of the Special Commissioners — appeared and acted in his stead.

Alund Homer } County  
George G. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel S. White } Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the alterations in said road established as for a public-highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire James Stewart  
Your petitioners inhabitants of the town of Blandford petition for highway in  
would respectfully represent that the public convenience Blandford Russell  
and wants require that a road and highway should  
be laid out and constructed beginning at or near  
the Saw Mill of W<sup>m</sup> M. Lewis on the broad road so  
called leading from Russell Depot to Blandford  
centre in the town of Blandford and leading in a  
north westerly direction near the Gibbs brook so called to  
the road leading from St Marks Church to Chester Village  
Your petitioners would therefore ask that your  
honors would view the premises and locate and construct  
said road & highway according to the laws in such cases  
made and provided and as in in duty bound will



ever pray

James Stewart and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Black-Rye in Blandford Thursday the first day of June next, at nine o'clock, A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Blandford on said County, thirty days at least, before the said first day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and the order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Blandford fourteen days before said first day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden. ss. April 24<sup>th</sup> I made service of the within petition and order thereon by the delivery of a true and attested copy thereof to the clerk of the town of Blandford and I caused notice to be posted up in two public places in said Blandford containing a copy of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance of the same



at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of James Stewart and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that your petitioners inhabitants of the town of Blandford would respectfully represent that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed beginning at or near the Saw Mill of Wm M Lewis on the brook road so called leading from Russell Depot to Blandford Centre in the town of Blandford and ~~travelling~~<sup>leading</sup> in a Northwesterly direction near the Gibbs brook so called to the road ~~leading~~<sup>leading</sup> from St Marks Church to Chester Village - your petitioners would therefore ask that your honors would view the premises and locate and construct said road and highway according to the laws in such cases made and provided as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the first day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Clarke Nye in Blandford as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Blandford being the town within which such road was situated for a period of thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave



notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said first day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioner did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petitioners be granted. W<sup>m</sup> B. Calhoun & George C. Ellis being unable to attend due notice was given R. C. Davis and Daniel S. White being notified appeared and acted in their stead.

Alfred Homer County Commissioner  
 Daniel S. White Special  
 R. C. Davis Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Clark Rye in Blandford on Wednesday the thirtieth day of August next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of August. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Blandford with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Blandford fourteen days at least before the said 30<sup>th</sup> day of August at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire



to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return. And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of James Stewart and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and wants require that a road and Highway should be laid out and constructed beginning at or near the Saw Mill of Wm M Lewis on the brook road so called leading from Russell Depot to Blandford Centre in the town of Blandford and leading in a Northwesterly direction near the Gibbs Brook so called to the road leading from St Marks Church to Chester village. Your petitioners would therefore ask that your honor would view the premises and locate and construct said road and highway according to the laws in such cases made and provide and as in duty bound would ever pray J. Stewart & others by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the first day of June then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Clark Nye in Blandford as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Blandford being the town within which such highway was prayed for. Thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper



published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said first day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard and after hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the thirtieth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Clark Rega in said Blanford as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and locating said highway in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said thirtieth day of August met and proceeded to locate said highway as follows. Commencing the first division of said road at a soft maple tree standing on the Northerly side of the old road and on the Westerly shore of second division brook, then running North eighteen and a quarter degrees West, eleven rods to a stone monument. Then North twenty and three quarter degrees West, eight rods and twelve links to a stone. Then North eleven and three quarter degrees West sixteen rods and seven links to a stone. Then North twenty and a half degrees West, fourteen rods to a stone. Then North twelve degrees East eighteen rods to a stone. Then North one and a half



degrees West eight rods and seven links to a stone:—  
Then North twenty seven and three quarter degrees West,  
ten rods to a stone: Then North fifty and three quarter  
degrees West thirteen rods to a stone: Then North fifty three  
and a quarter degrees West, twenty rods and nineteen  
links to white pine tree marked H:— Then North fifty  
one and a quarter degrees West fifteen rods to a white  
pine tree marked H: Then North fifty three degrees West,  
thirty eight rods to a stone:— Then North forty nine and  
a quarter degrees West six rods to a stone: Then North  
twenty three degrees West twelve rods to a stone:— Then North  
sixty one and a half degrees West seventeen and a  
half rods to a stone:— Then North fifty three and a half  
degrees West, forty eight rods and twenty links to a stone:  
Then North sixty and a half degrees West, thirty one and  
a half rods to a Stone monument on the easterly side  
of second division: The lines run are on the Easterly or  
right hand side of the highway which is three rods  
wide: And the present construction of the foregoing  
division of the same is accepted by the County  
Commissioners: The second division of the aforesaid  
road commences at a stone monument on the  
Westerly side of second divisions road then running  
North thirty six and a half degrees West, thirty seven  
rods and fifteen links to a stone:— Then North thirty four  
degrees West sixty six rods and fourteen links to a  
stone: a bridge will be required across Palminter brook  
on this course sixteen feet wide eight feet in the clear  
between the abutments and to be elevated six feet in the  
clear from the bed of the brook and the walls to be three  
and half feet thick at the base and two feet at the top:  
a sluice will be required on this course ten by three  
feet square in the clear and the grade of the road bed  
on this course must be as nearly uniform as the nature  
of the surface will admit of. Then North forty four  
and a half degrees West thirty three rods and seven links  
to a stone:— on this course a passage for cattle must  
be constructed sixteen feet in length and four feet in  
the clear between the walls six feet in the <sup>high</sup> clear  
from the ground which is to be excavated and the  
bridge not to be elevated so as to interfere with the general



grade of the road bed which must be nearly uniform  
 on this course, Then North fifty one and three quarter degrees  
 West ten rods and seven links to a stone: Then North twenty  
 nine degrees West, fourteen rods to a stone, Then North twenty  
 four degrees West, fourteen rods and twelve links to a stone:  
 Then North thirty five and a quarter degrees West thirteen  
 rods and eleven links to a stone: Two bluffs will be  
 required on this course of sufficient capacity to allow  
 a free passage of all the accumulating water on the  
 Eastern side of the road: Then North forty three and  
 three quarter degrees West, nine rods to a stone, Then North  
 forty six and a quarter degrees West, six rods and six  
 links to a stone: Across pond brook on this course  
 a bridge will be required sixteen feet in length and  
 twelve feet in width and to be elevated six feet from  
 the bed of the brook and the abutment walls of the  
 thickness named in the first bridge: Then North thirty  
 six degrees West fifteen rods and seventeen links to a  
 stone: Then North sixty and a quarter degrees West,  
 ten rods and seven links to a stone: Then North sixty  
 two and a quarter degrees West, nine rods and two links  
 to a stone: Then North seventy four and a quarter degrees  
 West eight rods and two links to a stone: Then North eighty  
 four and a quarter degrees West twelve rods to a stone: Then  
 South eighty nine and a quarter degrees West seven rods  
 and fourteen links to a stone: A bridge for the passage  
 of cattle is required on this course to be constructed  
 in all respects as the cattle pass before named: Then  
 South seventy degrees West, six rods to a stone: Then North  
 eighty nine degrees West, eight rods to a stone: Then North  
 seventy five degrees West, eight rods to a stone: Then North  
 sixty three and a quarter degrees West, eleven rods and  
 eight links to a stone: Then North forty four and a  
 half degrees West eleven rods to a stone: Then North  
 forty five and a half degrees West, thirteen rods and  
 five links to a stone: Then North thirty five and  
 three quarter degrees West, nine rods to a stone: Across  
 Gibb brook on this course a bridge will be required  
 similar in all respects to that across Pond brook, and  
 the general grade of the road bed between the two  
 bridge from station to station must be as nearly uniform



as the nature of the surface of the ground will admit of, and in no part thereof to exceed a grade of four and half degrees: Then North forty two degrees West seven rods and fourteen links to a stone: Then North forty six and half degrees West fourteen rods and twelve links to a stone: Then North thirty eight and three quarter degrees West fourteen rods to a stone: Then North thirty four and three quarter degrees West nine rods to a stone: Then North thirteen and half degrees West five rods and twelve links to a stone: Then North forty nine degrees West five rods and eleven links to a stone: Then North sixty three and a half degrees West ten rods and sixteen links to a stone: Across Gibbs brook on this course a bridge will be required similar to the last named across said brook and the grade of the road bed between the two bridges to correspond with the one named above excepting that the grade must not exceed five and a half degrees: Then North forty and a half degrees West eight rods and twenty links to a stone: Then North forty seven and a quarter degrees West fourteen rods and eight links to a stone: Then North thirty six degrees West eleven rods and seven links to a stone: Then North twenty eight degrees West thirteen rods and thirteen links to a stone: Then North twenty eight degrees West eight rods to a stone: Then North thirteen and a quarter degrees West nineteen rods and seventeen links to a stone monument on the southerly side of the old road: The grade of the road bed between the last named bridge across Gibbs brook and the point of connection with the old road, and all other parts of this division of location not specifically mentioned must be as nearly uniform as the nature of the surface of the ground will admit of, and in no case to exceed three and three quarter degrees: Sluices will be required at the points of connection with the old roads and also at all the other points where it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road to the other. The lines run on the second division are as follows From the commencement to the first bridge across Gibbs brook on the southerly side of the road. From thence to the second bridge on said brook on the northerly



side of the brook. From thence to the end of the location on the southerly side of the road, and said road is laid out three rods in width, and at the points where the lines change from one side to the other stone monuments are to be placed on both sides. -

In the construction of said road it is required that the road bed shall be sixteen feet in width exclusive of the ditches and crowned sufficiently to pass the water into the ditches immediately; all undulations are to be avoided and all rocks or stones in the road bed are to be covered with earth at least three inches in depth and wherever railing shall be required it must be placed upon stones of sufficient size to elevate the railing two feet at least above the road bed and the railing to be battled into the rocks. The poles used for said railing must be either chestnut or swamp maple and four inches in diameter at the small end. Whence sluices shall be needed and no specifications are made in the accompanying survey such sluices must be made of sufficient width to pass all the water that may accumulate in the ditches - from one side of the road to the other: The owners of land are allowed until the first of May 1855 to remove all timber and fences on the line of said road: And the road must be completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September 1855.

After hearing all persons interested in land damages we have awarded damages as follows to the individuals named. Henry A. Parker releases all damages. Miles Nye claims no damages for land, but does claim damage for fence. Widow John M. Cannon claims damage also for fence. Amount of damages for land and fences to the several proprietors claiming damage viz:

Miles Parks & Sperry	165 rods of land	\$150. -
Clark Nye	365 rods	155.
Miles D. & R. Nye	420 rods	180.
Miles Nye	156 rods of fence	1.00.
Widow John M. Cannon	104 rods of fence	.75.

William B. Cathoun Esq and George C. Gubb being unable to attend after due notice being given Robert



C. Bernis and Daniel G. White Special Commissioners  
appeared and acted in their stead.

Almond Homer } County Commissioners  
C. E. Bernis } Special  
Daniel G. White } Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted  
and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Rodney Davis & others  
at a meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Palmer in and for Town way  
the County of Hampden on the fifth day of June last in Palmer  
for the transaction of business upon consideration  
of the petition of Rodney Davis and others to locate a  
road beginning at the foot of Spring Street as called in  
Duckville and running up said Spring Street near  
the house of John Mc Donald thence southerly by the  
house of Rodney Davis and C. D. Lewis and others inter-  
secting the road leading from said Duckville to  
Palmer Depot near Philander Pike - also a road  
leading from C. D. Lewis to L. H. Bond - the said  
Selectmen unreasonably neglected and refused to  
allow the prayer of your petitioners. Wherefore your  
humble petitioners appeal from said decision to  
the County Commissioners for said County to be  
holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June  
current

Palmer June 15<sup>th</sup> 1854 Rodney Davis and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty four at which meeting the Commissioners -  
drawing a view of the premises expediting and proper  
gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said  
view at the dwelling house of M. R. Stimson in Palmer  
on Wednesday the sixth day of September next at nine  
o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commission  
that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of  
said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of  
Palmer in said County thirty days at least before the  
said sixth day of September and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing



a copy of said petition and the order thereon, in the Balmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and the order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Balmer fourteen days before said sixth day of September and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And at said meeting holden by adjournment on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September then ensuing the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden. ss. July 31<sup>st</sup> 1854 I made service of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the town of Balmer a true copy thereof and posting up in two public places in said town copies of said petition and abstracts of the order of the County Commissioners containing the substance thereof.  
Patrick Borer, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of Rodney Davis and others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that at a meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Balmer in the County of Hampden on the fifth day of June last for the transaction of business upon consideration of the petition of Rodney Davis and others to locate a road beginning at the foot of Spring Street so called in Duckville and running up said Spring Street near the house of John McDonald thence southerly by the house of Rodney Davis and G. D. Lewis and others intersecting the road leading from said Duckville to Balmer Depot near Philander Pike, also a road leading from G. D. Lewis to L. M. Bonds, the said



and setting forth that at a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Palmer in the County of Hampden on the fifth day of June for the transaction of business upon consideration of the Petition of Rodney Davis and others to locate a road beginning at the foot of Spring Street so called in Buckville and running up the said Spring Street near the house of John McDonald thence southerly by the house of Rodney Davis and C. D. Lewis and others intersecting the road leading from said Buckville to Palmer depot near Philander Pike also a road leading from C. D. Lewis to L. W. Bonds the said Selectmen unreasonably neglected and refused to allow the prayer of your petitioners. Wherefore your humble Petitioners appeal from said decision to the County Commissioners for said County — Rodney Davis and others — as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expediting, appointed Wednesday, the sixth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of W. A. Stinson in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer being the town within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused — abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixth day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till an adjourned meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September



Which report being read and considered was accepted and the town ways prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity. at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of W. A. Stinson in Palmer on Thursday the second day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said town ways by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 2<sup>d</sup> day of November. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Palmer with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Palmer fourteen days at least before the said 2<sup>d</sup> day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said town ways and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said roads. And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. -

Hampden Co. September 27<sup>th</sup> 1854 I then made service of the process by delivering to the town clerk of Palmer a true copy of this petition and order therein and posting up in two public places in Palmer copies of the petition and abstracts containing the substance of the order as within directed.

Patrick Boise, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of Rodney Davis and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing



and setting forth that at a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Palmer in the County of Hampden on the fifth day of June for the transaction of business upon consideration of the Petition of Rodney Davis and others to locate a road beginning at the foot of Spring Street so called in Duckville and running up the said Spring Street near the house of John McDonald thence southerly by the house of Rodney Davis and C. D. Lewis and others intersecting the road leading from said Duckville to Palmer Depot near Philander Pike also a road leading from C. D. Lewis to L. M. Bonds the said Selectmen unreasonably neglected and refused to allow the prayer of your petitioners. Wherefore your humble Petitioners appeal from said decision to the County Commissioners for said County — Rodney Davis and others — as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expediting, appointed Wednesday, the sixth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of W. A. Stinson in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer being the town within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused — abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixth day of September the Commissioners met, at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till an adjourned meeting of the Commissioners. Done at Springfield aforesaid on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September



<sup>next</sup>  
~~then next~~ at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the second day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of N.A. Stinson in said Palmer as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate the said Town Roads and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said road and streets in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said second day of November said Commissioners met and proceeded to locate said Town Roads. Commencing at a stone monument on the Easterly side of the road leading from Duckville to Bondville opposite of Duck Factory running East  $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  South 19 Rods & links the road to be 40 feet in width and to be on the northerly side of said line, then South  $59\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 17 Rods 18 Links to a stone monument, then South  $30^{\circ}$  74 Rods to a stone, then South  $13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  West 77 Rods crossing the Ware Road to Crossford Street is called, then South  $18\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  West 33 Rods to a stone, thence South  $23^{\circ}$  West 42 Rods to a stone thence South  $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West, on the Easterly side 8 Rods 15 Links to the Road leading from Bondville to Thornville, the above described Road to be on the Easterly side of the <sup>line</sup> and 3 Rods wide, Lay of Crossford Street commencing at a stone monument West  $13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  North 23 Rods 23 Links to the Thornville Road and to be 3 Rods wide. The Commissioners having Located the above described Road and streets, Would order the said Town of Palmer to put the said Road and streets in such repair as the Public convenience and necessity require and to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of June next, The several owners of land on which the said Road were laid have relinquished their claim for damages, except James Fuller who is awarded ten dollars — (1842) To be paid him by the Town of Palmer



The Hon W<sup>m</sup> B. Cathoon being unable to attend due notice  
was given Robert E. Bemis who appeared and acted in  
his stead

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
R. E. Bemis } Special Commissioner

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Alongo Wait & others  
The subscribers citizens of Chicopee in said County respectfully pet for alter of  
represent that a certain County road within said town Highway in  
called Springfield Street and leading from Market Square Chicopee  
near the Universalist Church southerly to the junction -  
thereof <sup>with</sup> Grape Street and South Street near the school house  
upon the hill: is not in a suitable condition for the accom-  
modation of the large amount of public travel upon and  
over the same, by reason of the steepness of the hill near  
the Presbyterian Church: and further that said hill and  
road is so composed and underlain with clay and  
quicksand as to render the same in the Spring and autumn  
exceedingly difficult and dangerous for travel especially  
with load - They therefore request your honorable board  
to view the same and to take such proceedings relating  
thereto as may be necessary for the purpose of causing  
said hill to be reduced to a less grade of ascent, and  
said road to be so worked as to obviate the difficulty -  
arising from the clay and quicksand under the same  
dated at Chicopee the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1853

Alongo Wait and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty four and by adjournment on the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1854 at which meeting the Com-  
missioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the Cabot House in Chicopee on Tuesday the  
twenty sixth day of September next, at nine o'clock A.M.;  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a  
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said  
County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Chicopee  
in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said 26<sup>th</sup> day



of September and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the weekly Journal or public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town of Chicopee fourteen days before said 26<sup>th</sup> day of September and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners take a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting <sup>to meeting</sup> to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden, p. August 26<sup>th</sup> 1854. I then made service of this process by delivering to the town clerk of Chicopee a true copy thereof more than thirty days before the meeting of the Commissioners on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September next, and by posting up in two public places in said Chicopee copies of said petition and abstracts of the order thereon containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Patrick Boise Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of George Wait and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a certain County road within said Town called Springfield Street and leading from Market Square near the Universalist Church southerly to the junction thereof with Grape Street and South Street near the School House upon the hill is not in a suitable condition for the accommodation of the large amount of public travel upon and over the same by reason of the steepness of the



hill near the Presbyterian Church and further that said hill and road is so composed and underlain with clay and quicksand as to render the same in the Spring and Autumn exceedingly difficult and dangerous for travel especially with loads. They therefore request your Honorable Board to view the same and to take such proceedings relating thereto as may be necessary for the purpose of causing said hill to be reduced to a less grade of ascent and said road to be so worked as to obviate the difficulty arising from the clay and quicksand under the same, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the Twenty sixth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Cabot House in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such Road as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Weekly Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 26<sup>th</sup> day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity did not require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.



Hon W<sup>m</sup> B. Calhoun not being able to attend and notice was given Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted - and the petition ordered to be dismissed, -

Costs against petitioners — \$12.11

Alonge Wait & others  
pet for alt & discon of  
highway in Chicopee

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned inhabitants of Chicopee in said County would respectfully represent that the public highway commencing near the Connecticut River House so called in said Chicopee and passing the house of Thomas Wolanty across the plain to and terminating in the road from Springfield to said Chicopee near the Catholic burying place in said Springfield is narrow crooked indirect and inconvenient, - Wherefore your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and widen straighten or new locate said road and discontinue such part of the highway as may be useless or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honor necessary

Chicopee August 3<sup>d</sup> 1854. Alonge Wait and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and by adjournment on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1854. at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Cabot House in Chicopee on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of September next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chicopee in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 26<sup>th</sup> day of September and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the weekly



Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town of Chicopee fourteen days before said 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, and that notice in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, And this petition was continued, to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the First Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows, -

Hampden, s. August 26<sup>th</sup> 1854 I made service of this process by delivering to the town clerk of Chicopee a true copy of the within petition and the order of the Commissioners thereon and by posting up in two public places in said Chicopee copies of said petition and abstracts containing the substance of said <sup>order as</sup> within directed

Patrick Boile Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, s.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment on the fifteenth day of August, 1854, on the petition of Abner Wail and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public highway commencing near the Connecticut River house so called in said Chicopee and passing the house of Thomas Tubant, across the plain to and terminating in the road from Springfield to said Chicopee near the Catholic burying place in said Springfield is narrow



crooked indirect and inconvenient, - Wherefore your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and either straighten or new locate said road and discontinue such part of the highway as may be useless, or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honors necessary. Always Wait and Others as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of September then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Cabot house in said Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee, being the town within which such road was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Chicopee, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Weekly Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty sixth day of September the Commissioners met, at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. Hon<sup>ble</sup> B. Walcott being unable to attend, Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners after due notice appeared and acted in his stead.

Abund Horner } County  
George C. Libb } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the



road prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity, at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners <sup>will</sup> ~~will~~ meet at the Cabot House in Chicopee on Tuesday the twenty first day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway and discontinuance by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Weekly Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of November, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Chicopee with a copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least and post up abstract containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Chicopee fourteen days at least before the said 21<sup>st</sup> day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden, p. October 13<sup>th</sup> 1854 I then made service of this process by delivering to the town Clerk of Chicopee a true copy of the petition and order herein contained and at the same time posted up in two public places in said Chicopee abstracts of the same as within directed, containing the substance thereof

Patrick Boise, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment on the



fifteenth day of August next ensuing. on the petition of Alongo Wait and others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the public highway commencing near the Connecticut River House so called in said Chicopee and passing the house of Thomas Brulady across the plain to and terminating in the road from Springfield to said Chicopee near the Catholic burying place in said Springfield is narrow crooked, indirect and inconvenient, wherefore your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and widen, straighten or new locate said road and discontinue such part of the highway as may be useless or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honors necessary.

Chicopee August 2<sup>d</sup> 1854 Alongo Wait and Others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty sixth day of September then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Cabot House in said Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such road was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Chicopee; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Weekly Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty sixth day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said



petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty first day of November then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Cabot House in said Chicopee as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said highway, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day of November met and proceeded to locate the highway as follows: Commencing at a point bearing South eighty four and one half degrees East, one chain and two links from the North east corner of the Connecticut River House situated at the corner of Center and West streets in said town, then running, South seven degrees East, four chains to a stone monument on land of Chas. McCallan, then South ten chains and sixty one links on land of John Abbe, then South twenty and a half degrees East, four chains and twenty one links to a stone on said Abbe's land, then South thirty three degrees East seven chains and eighty five links to a stone, then South thirty eight and a half degrees East, twenty one chains and twenty four links to a stone, then South thirty six and a quarter degrees East ten chains and twenty nine links to a stone, then South thirty four degrees East, five chains, then South eighteen and three quarter degrees East, thirteen chains and seventy five links to the old road leading from Chicopee to Springfield. This road is located three rods wide with stone monuments on the East side of the way, <sup>with the exception of the last which is on the right</sup> the <sup>road or last</sup> ~~road~~ <sup>was taken in the center,</sup> The Road is to be made in a manner suitably to accommodate the travel and completed as far as the House of Thomas Burlant, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July, 1855.

Having made said location and heard all persons



that desired to be heard on the question of damages occasioned thereby are assessed to. —

Thomas Dulanty, sixty dollars \$60.00

Dennis Canty Twenty dollars \$20.00

No other person claiming any damages the Commissioners considered all other claims released. —

William B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given by the other members of the board to Daniel S. White one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared and acted in his stead

Alfred Homer } County

George G. Gibbs } Commissioners

Daniel S. White } Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

Estimate for County Expenses  
Estimate of Taxes for the County of Hampden for the year 1855. Prepared by the County Commissioners —  
Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup> 1855

For payment of Travers Jurots	\$5000. —
One third expense of Criminal Prosecutions including bill etc T. G. C. R. 1854	5100. —
Cost of Court for Services	350. —
Sheriff, Deputies, Constables, Crier, Messenger and Service of process	2500. —
Coroners Inquest	150. —
Support of prisoners in Jail and House of Correction	5200. —
Repair of County buildings	300. —
County Commissioners	2000. —
Land damages	4000. —
County Roads and Bridges	1000. —
Over hire of House Correction	150. —
Books, Stationary printing, fuel, gas, &c	100. —
Chaplain for prison	100. —
Treasurer	300. —
Food Bedding &c for Prisoners	1500. —
Constables for services	100. —
	\$29,000.

Alfred Homer } Chairman

} County Commissioners



Report of inspectors of prisons filed and accepted,

Lundry accounts against the County amounting  
to the sum of Eight hundred and thirty dollars and  
sixty cents are allowed and ordered to be paid out  
of the County Treasury, (\$836.60)

Hampden. March 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c  
and all matters not acted upon are ordered to  
be continued and this meeting is adjourned —  
without day.

Attest Not Mow's Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
begun and holden at Springfield within and for  
the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April  
being the tenth day of the month and from day to day  
to the twelfth day of said month and by adjournment  
on the eighth day of May to the ninth day of May  
and by adjournment on the seventh day of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty five

Present on the tenth day of April

Oliver Homer Esq. County  
George L. Tibbels } Commissioners  
Samuel S. White } Special Commissioner

In place of Francis Brewer Esq. who was absent  
and on the 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> day of April and the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
of May and the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June

Present Oliver Homer Esq.  
George L. Tibbels } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioner

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Rufus Gould and Seth  
The undersigned represents that the public highway from the house of Lewis  
the public house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield passing in Westfield  
the house of George W. Noble to the town line of West  
Springfield near the house of Howell King. - Your  
petitioners also represent that the public highway from  
the guide board west of Stephen Harrisons passing -  
Frederick Howlers to the house of Wm. C. Morse in  
pachabue district are narrow, hilly, sandy, dangerous  
from the Rail Road, and Rail Road Crossings and incon-  
venient, - Wherefore your petitioners request your  
honorable Board to view the premises and widen, straighten,  
grade the hills, harden the sandy places or new locate said  
Roads, and discontinue such parts of the highway as may  
be useless. - Your petitioners would respectfully represent  
that the public convenience and wants require that a road  
and highway should be laid out and constructed from  
the Rail road crossing east of the aforesaid Howell house



passing the house of Rowell Shepard on prospect hill  
be called, to the County road, or make such alterations -  
and improvements as shall appear to your honors necessary,  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1853

Oliver Gould & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and fifty three at which meeting  
the Commissioners discussing a view of the premises expedient  
and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the dwelling house of Micajah Taylor in Westfield  
on Wednesday the ninth day of November next at nine-  
o'clock, A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of  
said county or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of  
Westfield in said county, thirty days at least, before the said  
ninth day of November and that all other persons and  
corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the West  
Letter a public newspaper printed in said county, three  
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days  
at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts  
containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up  
by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town  
of Westfield fourteen days before said ninth day of November  
and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons  
and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners  
desire a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that  
a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and  
place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December in the year one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty three and the Sheriff of said County made his  
return as follows

Hampden, 28<sup>th</sup> October 1853 By virtue of the order of the  
County Commissioners I delivered a true and attested copy  
of the within petition and order to the Town Clerk of Westfield and  
also made and posted up in two public places in said  
Westfield abstracts containing the substance of said



petition and order as within directed

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three. —

on the petition of Rufus Gould & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public highway from the public house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield, passing the house of George W. Noble to the town line of West Springfield — near the house of Roswell King — Your petitioners also represent that the public highway from the guide board west of Stephen Harrisons passing Frederick Fowlers to the house of W<sup>m</sup> O. Morse in Pachassac — distinct are narrow, hilly, sandy, dangerous from the Rail Road and Rail road crossing, and inconvenient. —

whereupon your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and widen, straighten, grade the hills, harden the sandy places or new locate said Road and discontinue such parts of the highway as may be useless. Your petitioners would respectfully represent that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed from the Rail road crossing east of the said Morse house passing the house of Roswell Shepard on prospect hill, so called to the County road or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honors necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the ninth day of November then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Micajah Taylor in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such highway was situated as prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said views and also caused abstracts of said petition containing



the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said ninth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part.

William B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given by the other members of the board to Daniel J. White one of the special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Abner Holmes } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel J. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for in part, adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Micajah Saylers in Westfield on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said road and making alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of April, and it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Westfield, with a copy of said petition and this order,



thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of April at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway and make alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. —

Hampden, Jr. March 7<sup>th</sup> 1854 I made service of this process by delivering to the Town Clerk of Westfield a true copy of the within petition and the order of the County Commissioners thereon and posting up in two public places in said Westfield copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed

Patrick Boise, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, Jr.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the First Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three

on the petition of Rufus Gould & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public highway from the Public House of Lewis Chapman in Westfield passing the house of George W. Noble to the town line of West Springfield near the house of Roswell King your petitioners also represent that the highway from the Guide board West of Stephen Harrisons, passing Frederick Towles to the home of W<sup>m</sup> O. Morse in Pochabuc District are narrow, hilly, sandy, dangerous from the Rail Road & Rail Road crossing and inconvenient, Wherefore your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and widen straighten grade the hills and discontinue such part of the highway as may be useless — your petitioners would respectfully represent that the public convenience and waste require that a road and highway



should be laid out and constructed from the Rail Road Crossing East of the aforesaid Moore's House, passing the House of Russell Shepards on Prospect Hill so called to the County road; or make such alterations, and improvement as shall appear to your Honors necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expected, appointed Wednesday, the ninth day of November then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Micajah Taylor in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such Highway was situated as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said ninth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petition should be granted in part - and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the twenty sixth day of April then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Micajah Taylor, in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet, and proceed to locate and make alterations and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location and alterations in the same



manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said twenty sixth day of April met, and proceeded to locate and make alterations as follows, viz —

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Wing wall of the South abutment of the Western Rail Road Bridge South of Harvey Champion's dwelling house, then running South twenty degrees North, seven rods, then South two degrees West twenty seven rods and five links; then South thirty seven degrees East, sixteen rods to the County road, The above line was run on the East side of said road and the Froggole Brook, the line on the opposite side of said road crosses the land of Stephen Harrison, The old road over the Hill on said Stephen Harrison's land lying between the Westfield and Springfield road, and the starting point of the new road, to be discontinued.

Alteration on the County road leading from Roswell Kings to Westfield Green, — Beginning at a Button ball Tree, standing on the South side of said road and the West side of a run of Water that crosses said road West of said Kings and five links South of the Southwest end of the Wing Wall of a Stone Bridge, over said stream; then running North Seventy four degrees West, thirty five rods and nine links to a stone; then North Sixty four degrees West fifty one rods and Eleven links, to a stone; then North Sixty five degrees West, twenty rods and four links to a stone; then North fifty four degrees West, twenty one rods and eight links to a stone; the above courses were taken on the South side of the Highway, meaning to take all the lands for Highway, lying between the South line of the Western Rail Road, and said line.

Also an Alteration beginning West of the House of Stephen Harrison; beginning on the North side of the County road, on land of said Harrison, at a stake, then running North forty three degrees West, fifty three rods on the North side of the County road to the new road, at the Southeast terminus of said new road, said road is narrowed to three rods, for the above named distance,

Also an Alteration, Beginning nineteen links on a course bearing North thirty five degrees East from the Northeast corner of the dwelling house of Edmond Noble deceased,



then running North fifty four degrees West eight rods and twenty two links on land of Howell Loomis; then North sixty two degrees West thirteen rods and three links on land of Lyman Loomis to the South side of the County road.

Also an alteration. Beginning at the South West corner of land of William Nobles, on the North side of the County road and East of Taylors Bridge so called, then running North sixty four degrees 30 minutes West, nineteen rods seventeen links then North sixty six degrees West, six rods; then North fifty degrees West, twenty three rods, as far as the road is fenced on the North side of said County road.

Also an alteration Beginning at a stone on the South side of the County road, at the West end of Taylors Bridge then running North nineteen degrees West, four rods twenty four links; then North twenty two degrees West, five rods twenty links; then North twenty seven degrees West five rods six links; then North fifty four degrees West, four rods nine links on land of George Taylor; the same course on Daniel W. Stockings land, to a point twenty two links North of the North East Corner of the underpinning of the dwelling house of said Daniel W. Stocking, thirteen rods nineteen links.

Also the north line of the road is established as follows. Beginning at a post ten links west of the tree yard fence of George Taylor, front yard of his dwelling house: then running South forty degrees East, ten rods twenty three links; then South twenty degrees East, four rods eleven links to the Town Pound then southerly on the fence of said town Pound fourteen links to the South West corner of said Pound then Easterly on said Pound fence nineteen links; then South fifty degrees West five rods seven links, on the west line of the Widow Nortons land; then South thirty one degrees East, two rods twenty one links; then South fifty eight degrees East, two rods eleven links to the South West Corner of said Widow Nortons land. The above takes three fourths of a rod of said Widow Nortons land, at the South West point of her door yard, or garden the amount of damage is five dollars which is to be paid by Maj George Taylor.

That portion of the old County road at the South end of the County bridge enclosed in the lot of Stephen Harrison is to be discontinued. Beginning at a stone by the South side of the new travelled road, then running South sixty degrees East, twelve rods twenty four links then East Eight



degrees North to the Hatfield River, +

The New Road is to be of uniform grade and at least twenty feet wide exclusive of the ditches, and where it intersects with the other road at the Frog Hole Brook, so called, the Bridge is to raised one foot, and the roads so graded that their beds shall conform. — West of the Bridge it will require a fill sufficient to make the grade level from the top of the plankings, —

At the first alteration West of Rosewell Kings the road is to be of uniform grade each way from the highest elevation. —

On all the alterations the road bed is to be twenty four feet wide, exclusive of the ditches, and as near as practicable, in the center of the locations to be sufficiently crowned, to turn the water into the ditches, — sluices are to be put in whenever it may be necessary to pass the water from one side to the other; Suitable Railings are to be placed whenever they may be needed and the whole to be properly worked, and completed, on or before the first day of September next and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners —

After locating the above described highway and alterations and hearing all parties interested the Commissioners proceeded to award damages as follows, —

To the Heirs of G. G. Morley	Sixty dollars	\$60.00
• Ambrose Day	thirty dollars, of which	\$30.00
Henry Alderman	is to pay twelve dollars	\$12.00
• Charles Noble	is to pay three dollars 75 cents	\$3.75
	leaving	15.75
To Haswell Loomis	Ten dollars	10.00
• Lyman Loomis	Six dollars	6.00
• Seth Noble	fifteen dollars	15.00
• Dan & N. Stocking	Ten dollars	10.00
		110.75

All wood, timber, and fences are to be removed on or before the first day of June next. —

William B. Cathoun one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend due notice was given by the other Commissioners to Dan G. White one of the special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead

which report being read and approved by the Commissioners  
accepted the same established as a public highway

Alvin Horner } Commissioners  
George C. Gibbs }  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioners



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Robinson Clapp &c  
Petrs for a rd of Hlyoke  
in Hlyoke

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
We the undersigned Inhabitants and legal voters in the town  
of Hlyoke County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts, would most respectfully petition your honorable  
body to view a certain route for a road and to alter  
repair and make anew the same to wit - Commencing at  
the Pine Stump road at the line of Southampton near  
Gamaliel Somerses; thence Easterly to Stillman Hitchcock house;  
thence South Easterly to the point of wood on Perkins land; thence  
North Easterly crossing the road near the house of Robinson  
Clapp, to or near the house of Ephraim Wright; thence  
following upon or near to the present travelled road leading  
from said Wright house; Nelson Manshams house, and inter-  
secting the road leading from the First Church in said  
Hlyoke to Northampton; thence where between the house  
of Edwin H. Ball and the Frank Ball house; thence in an  
Easterly course to some point at the "New City" is called,  
and we pray your honorable body, after viewing, to  
locate the same: as in your judgment the public good  
may require.

Hlyoke Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Robinson Clapp & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty three at which meeting the Com-  
missioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the dwelling house of Ephraim Wright in Hlyoke  
on Tuesday the eighteenth day of April next, at nine o'clock  
A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that  
a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said  
County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Hlyoke  
in said County, thirty days at least, before the said eighteenth  
day of April and that all other persons and corporations interested  
therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Hlyoke Mirror a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy,  
in two public places in the town of Hlyoke fourteen days



before said eighteenth day of April and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expeditious and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty four and the Sheriff of said County—made his return as follows, —

Hampden, p. March 6<sup>th</sup> 1854 I made service of this precept by delivering to the Town Clerk of Holyoke a true copy of the within petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon and posting up in two public places in said Holyoke copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed

Patrick Boise, Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, —

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four.

on the petition of Robinson Clapp and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that to certain route for a road and to alter repair and make anew the same to wit: Commencing at the pine stump road at the line of Southampton near Samual Comins, thence easterly to Stillman Hitchcock's house thence south easterly to the point of woods on Perkins land thence north easterly crossing the road near the house of Robinson Clapp, to or near the house of Ephraim Wright, thence following upon or near the present travelled road leading from said Wright's house by Nelson Moenchams house and intersecting the road leading from the Brick Church in said Holyoke to Northampton some where between the house of Edwin H. Ball and the Frank Ball house thence on an easterly course to some point at the New City so called and we pray your honorable body after viewing to locate as in your judgment the public



may require.

Holyoke May 21<sup>st</sup> 1855

Reuben Clapp & others

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, drawing a view of the premises in petition, appointed Tuesday the eighteenth day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Ephraim Wright and by adjournment to the eighth of June in said Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such road lay that was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Mirror a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted.

William B. Calhoun one of the County Commissioners being absent Daniel G. White being notified: appeared and acted in his stead

Oliver Homer } County

George W. Gibbs } Commissioners

Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for, in part, adjudged of common convenience & necessity, at which meeting the commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations



interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Ephraim Wright in Holyoke on Tuesday the twenty fourth day of October next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said County, there will successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, and it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Holyoke with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke, fourteen days at least before the said 24<sup>th</sup> day of October at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. —

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden, p. September 23, 1854. I then made service of this process by delivering to the town Clerk of Holyoke a true copy of this petition and order thereon and posting up in two public places in Holyoke copies of said petition and abstracts containing the substance of said order as within directed.

Patrick Boies, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three. —

On the petition of Robinson Clapp and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a certain route for a road and to alter, repair and make anew the same to wit commencing at the Pine Stump Road at the line of Southampton near Gamaliel Pomeroy's thence easterly to Etellman Hitchcock's House thence South <sup>easterly</sup>



to the point of woods on Perkins land thence Northeastly, crossing the road near the House of Robinson Clapp to or near the House of Ephraim Wright thence following up on or near the present travelled road leading from said Wright House by Nelson Meachams House and intersecting the road leading from the Brick Church in said Holyoke to Northampton some where between the House of Edwin H. Ball and the Frank Ball House thence, <sup>on</sup> an easterly course to some point at the new City so called and we pray your Hon. body after viewing to locate as in your judgment the Public good may require. Holyoke May 21. 1853.

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expediently appointed Tuesday the eighteenth day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Ephraim Wright in said Holyoke as the <sup>th</sup> time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such Road was located as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Mirror a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said Eighteenth day of April the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the Fourth Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be



granted in part, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said  
Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty fourth day of  
October three next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the  
house of Ephraim Wright in said Helyeth as the time and  
place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate  
said Highway and the said Commissioners having given  
notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed  
for said Location in the same manner as the notice  
and publication was given and made, and as is by law  
in such case made and provided, before proceeding to  
any (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead  
of a copy thereof) on the said Twenty fourth day of  
October next and proceeded to locate as follows. —

Commencing at a stone on City line then running  
South forty five degrees and forty five minutes West fourteen  
rods and four links to a stone from this point to the  
City line the grade of the road bed must be made  
uniform with the grade of City road from junction  
with the location Northerly then South sixty eight and  
a half degrees West one hundred and Twenty rods  
and Thirteen links to a stone. Then South Eighty seven  
and a half degrees West Twenty six rods to a stone  
Then South eighty seven and a half degrees West Eleven  
rods and seventeen links to a stone: Then North Eighty five  
degrees West Twenty two rods to a stone from the Back  
yard on the second course to this point, the grade of the  
Road bed must be uniform: Then South seventy five  
and a quarter degrees West across dry brook twenty four  
rods and Twenty links to a stone Monument, at junc-  
tion of back street road: on this course a Bridge or  
Culvert will be required forty feet wide and three feet  
between the abutment walls in clear and five feet  
in clear from bed of brook (allowing five feet by three  
in clear) said Culvert to be constructed of stone of  
suitable size the abutments to be well founded and  
to be protected by suitable wing walls: the covering  
stone to be not less than five feet long the whole to be  
built in a substantial and workman like manner  
to be so situated at the intersection of Main Street Road  
with this location as to be convenient for the travel on  
both roads: The grade of the road bed over this Culvert  
must be uniform from the commencement of this



last course to the junction of Back St Road. The line now  
 are on the southerly or left hand side of the location and the  
 same is three rods wide. In the construction of the above  
 location the road must be at least twenty feet in width  
 exclusive of ditches and to be so crowned that the water  
 shall pass freely to the ditches, sluices or culverts will be  
 required at all points when it would seem necessary to  
 pass the water from one side of the road to the other, a good  
 and sufficient railing will be required at all points  
 when the safety of the public would seem to require.

The Commissioners after hearing all persons interested  
 in the subject of damages who desired to be heard and  
 after considering thereupon have awarded as follows

To Edwin H. Ball 113 rods	Two Hundred & Twenty five dollars	\$225.00
" Davis Co 25 "	Four Hundred dollars	400.00
" H <sup>d</sup> Chapin 147 "	One Hundred & Ninety dollars	190.00

The whole to be done and completed to the acceptance of  
 the County Commissioners on or before the first day of  
 October 1855

Springfield May 9<sup>th</sup> 1855. Alured Homer } County  
 George C. Gibbs } Commissioners

which report being read & considered by Francis Brewer }  
 is accepted & the road established as a public highway.

D. P. Robinson & als To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 S. L. for Alted & H. H. May, Your petitioners inhabitants of Blandford and Russell want  
 and discontinue of H. Way in respectfully represent that the public highway leading from  
 Blandford & Russell. Blandford Center to Russell depot is narrow crooked indirect  
 and inconvenient. Wherefore your petitioners request your  
 honorable board to view the premises and widen straighten  
 and new locate certain portion of said highway and your  
 petitioners would specify one alteration commencing at  
 the foot of the hill west of the Dickinson road as called  
 in Russell and running near the course of the brook  
 and intersect at the West end of the new road lately built  
 near the school house in Russell - and also to extend the  
 said Dickinson road so as to connect with the alteration above  
 specified, and discontinue such part of said highway as  
 may be useless, and make such other alterations and im-  
 provements as shall appear to your honors necessary

D. P. Robinson & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
 County Commissioners holden for said County on the



2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, at which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Horace Holcomb in Russell on Wednesday the thirty first day of May next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the town of Blandford and Russell in said County, thirty days at least, before the said thirty first day of May and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Blandford & Russell fourteen days before said 31<sup>st</sup> day of May and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty four and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden, ss. April 24<sup>th</sup> 1854 by virtue of the within order I caused a copy of the within petition and order of the Commissioners to be delivered to the Town Clerk Russell on the twentieth day of April 1854 and on the 24<sup>th</sup> a copy of the same to be delivered to the Town Clerk of Blandford and posted up copies of said Petition and abstracts of the order of said Commissioners in two public places in each of said towns as within directed

Patrick Deise Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report



in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four.

On the petition of D. P. Robinson and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public highway leading from Blandford centre to Russell depot is narrow crooked indirect and inconvenient, whereupon your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and widen, straighten, and new locate certain portion of said highway and your petitioners would specify one alteration, Commencing at the fork of the hill west of the Dickinson road (so called) in Russell and running near the course of the brook and intersect at the west end of the new road lately built near the School House in Russell and also to extend the said Dickinson road so as to connect with the alteration above specified, and discontinue such parts of said highway as may be useless and make such other alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honors necessary.

D. P. Robinson & others

as by said petition on file will appear

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the thirty first day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Horace Holcomb in Russell as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Blandford and Russell being the towns within which said highway is situated as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Blandford & Russell said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described



in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested  
of the time and place for commencing said view.  
and on the said thirty first day of May the Commissioners  
met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
view the premises, and having viewed the same, the  
Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the  
same time of said view; and having heard the parties,  
said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate  
upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering  
the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge  
that common convenience and necessity require, that  
the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part,  
William B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice  
was given by the other members of the board to R. E.  
Bemis one of the Special Commissioners who appeared  
and acted in his stead.

Alfred Homer & Co. Commissioner  
R. E. Bemis 3 Special Commissioner  
Daniel S. White 3

Which report being read and considered was  
accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged  
of common convenience and necessity. At which  
meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be  
given to all persons and corporations interested therein,  
that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-  
house of Horace Holcomb in Russell the twenty ninth  
day of August next, at nine o'clock in the fore-  
noon, for the purpose of locating said alterations  
discontinuance and improvements by publishing  
an abstract of said petition and this order thereon,  
in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of August. and it was  
further ordered by the County Commissioners,  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve  
the clerks of the towns of Blandford & Russell  
with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty  
days at least - and post up abstracts containing the  
substance thereof in two public places in said towns  
of Blandford and Russell fourteen days at least  
before the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of August at which time



the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of said road. —

And this petition was continued from meeting to the meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made make his return as follows

Hampden. ss. July 15<sup>th</sup> 1854. I made service of this process by delivering to the Clerks of the towns of Blandford & Russell true copies of the within petition and order and posting up in two public places in both said towns copies of petition and abstract of said order as within directed  
Patrick Boice, Sheriff

Hampden July 28 1854. I again made service of the within in order to rectify a mistake of the within order by delivering copies of said petition and order to the Clerks of said Blandford and Russell, and posting up in two public places in each of said towns abstract of said order and of said petition containing the substance thereof

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

On the petition of S. P. Robinson & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public highway leading from Blandford Centre to Russell Depot is narrow crooked indirect and inconvenient, wherefore your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and widen straighten and new locate certain portions of said highway and your petitioners would specify one alteration commencing at the foot of the hill west of the Dickinson Road so called in Russell and running near the course of the brook and near the School House in Russell. And also extend the said Dickinson Road so as to connect with the alterations above specified and discontinue such points of said highway as may be useless and make such other alterations and improvements as shall appear



to your honors necessary—  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the thirty first day of May then next and Nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Horace Holcomb, in Russell as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Russell and Blandford being the town within which such Highway is located as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirty first day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Horace Holcomb, in said Russell as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case



made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said Twenty ninth day of August next, and proceeded to locate as follows, viz -

Commencing at a stone monument on the south side of an old Road known as the David Parks road in Russell then running South seventy and a half degrees West fifty three rods and fifteen links to a stone, the grade on this course is not to exceed two degrees. Then South fifty nine and a half degrees West ten rods and six links to a stone, grade on this course three degrees. Then South seventy nine and a quarter degrees West, thirteen rods to a stone, grade on this course three and a quarter degrees. Then South seventy seven degrees West thirteen rods to a stone grade on this course two degrees. Then North fifty five and three quarter degrees West, eight rods and nine links to a stone, on this course a stone culvert will be required thirty feet long and four feet square in the clear and the road bed over the same to be raised so as to conform to the general grade of the road bed on this course, which is not to exceed five degrees: which grade may extend two rods on the last course. Then North forty one degrees West, six rods and twenty links to a stone, grade on this course not to exceed four and a half degrees. Then North fifty three and a quarter degrees West, fourteen rods to a stone. The grade on this course is not to exceed three degrees and to be uniform. Then South sixty six and three quarter degrees West six rods to a stone. Then South twenty one, and a quarter degrees West four rods and nine links to a stone. Then North twenty four and a quarter degrees West, five rods and sixteen links to a stone. Then North Eighty seven degrees West six rods to a stone. Then North seventy nine and a half degrees West nine rods to a stone. Then South Eighty nine degrees West two rods and six links to a stone. Then South fifty six and a quarter degrees West Eighteen rods to a stone monument on the South side of the old road from Russell to Blandford. The grade of the road bed on the last seven courses to be as nearly uniform from station to station as the nature of the ground will admit and in no part to exceed two and three quarter degrees. The lines run are on the South or left hand side of the location and said highway is located three rods wide. Sluices will be required at all points on



this location whenever it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road to the other. —

The following is a branch connecting this division with the road from Russell Mountain Brg. Commencing at a stone monument on the South side of the first location then running South sixty seven degrees West fourteen rods and eight links to a stone monument on the southerly side of said Mountain road, the line is on the east side of the location which is four rods wide. The grade of the road bed on this location must be made uniform from the point of Commencement to the connection with the Mountain road, At the point of connection with the first location the road bed must be so constructed that the same shall be convenient for travel in either direction. The second location commences at a stone monument on the South side of the road from Russell to Blandford near the North end of an old dam. Then running South sixty one and three quarter degrees West nine rods and six links to a stone. Then South seventy nine degrees West eleven rods and twelve links to a stone monument on Blandford line. The grade on these two courses to be nearly uniform from the point of connection with the old road at either end. The lines now are on the South side and the same is laid three rods wide. All that part of the old road between the first and second divisions of location must be put in a thorough state of repair. Near the watering trough between these locations the road bed must be carried South so that the grade shall be uniform from a Maple marked H at the easterly end to a Beach tree at the westerly end marked H these trees are at the east and west end of the required alterations and on the South side of the road. The first division of location of that part of said Highway lying in Blandford commences at a stone monument on the North side of the old road near the West end of the first Bridge in Blandford then running South eighty seven degrees West, twenty rods and fifteen links to a stone monument on the North side of the road. The road bed on this course must be carried to the North so that the grade of the same shall be as nearly uniform as may be a cut will be required near the centre and a fill at the West end. The road bed at the hill



easterly of W<sup>m</sup>. H. Drury's house must be carried to the North  
 so that the grade of the same shall be uniform from a rock  
 on the North side of the road east of said house to the  
 easterly part of said hill. The Bridge at Sharan Bradleys  
 Saw Mill is to be raised one foot. The easterly end shall  
 be filled so that the grade shall be uniform from a point  
 two rods east of the same. A fill will be required at the  
 west end of said Bridge, so that the grade shall be uniform  
 to the monument at the commencement of the second  
 division of location. The second division of location  
 commences at a stone monument on the North side  
 of the old road, west of Sharan Bradleys Saw Mill. Then  
 running North sixty five and three quarter degrees West,  
 Thirty six rods and fifteen links to a stone. The grade on  
 this course is not to exceed five and three fourth degrees in  
 any part thereof. Then North fifteen and three quarter degrees  
 West six rods to a stone. grade on this course not to  
 exceed five degrees. Then North Twenty one degrees, West  
 twenty rods to a stone on the North side of the road the  
 grade on this course to be uniform and not to exceed  
 three degrees. The line run are on the North or right hand  
 side and the same is located three rods wide. The Bridge at  
 the head of Nye's Mill Pond is to be raised the east end  
 eighteen inches and the west end one foot. The easterly end  
 shall be so filled that the grade shall be uniform to the  
 top of the rise which will require a cut of twelve inches  
 and at the westerly end must be filled to a point, three  
 and a half rods from the same on both roads which  
 meet near this place. The road bed across the ravine  
 west of the house of Lewis C. Nye to be walled on each  
 side, and raised eighteen inches. The third division com-  
 mences at a stone monument on the west side of the  
 road near the school house then running North fifty three  
 and three quarter degrees West five rods and twenty links  
 to a stone monument on the South side of the aforesaid  
 Russell and Blandford road. The road bed on this course  
 must be carried to the South so that the turn shall be  
 regular from the points of connection with the old road.  
 All that part of road from Blandford centre to Russell  
 line not herein before described is to be put in a thorough  
 state of repair. In the construction of the locations in both  
 Towns it will be required that all stone, stumps and roots



be removed, the centre of the road bed to be so raised  
 that the water shall pass freely to the ditches on either side.  
 Sluices or Culverts will be required at all points where  
 it would appear necessary to pass the water from one side  
 of the road to the other. The road bed to be eighteen feet  
 in width exclusive of ditches. In the construction of  
 Bridges the abutment walls will be required of stone  
 of sufficient thickness to withstand the action of water.  
 the timbers and plank to be of good oak or chestnut, and  
 in width to be not less than fourteen feet in the clear -  
 between railings which will be required on both Bridges  
 and also at all points on the highway where the safety  
 of the public would seem to require. All articles used  
 in the construction are to be well adapted to the purposes  
 for which they are applied and all work to be done in a  
 thorough and skilful manner and to the acceptance of  
 the County Commissioners on or before the first day of  
 October 1854 owners of land over which the above  
 locations are made are allowed until the first day  
 of August next to remove timber, wood fruit trees or  
 other property. The Commissioners after having  
 adjudicated and heard all parties interested in the  
 subject of damages have awarded as follows viz  
 John M. Smith one Hundred dollars \$100.00  
 Marcus Bradley sixteen dollars 16.00  
 Wm. L. Dickinson one Hundred sixty seven dollars 167.00  
 Sharan Bradley thirty four dollars 34.00  
 Lyman B. Nye one Hundred and ten dollars 110.00  
 Joseph C. Healy ten dollars 10.00  
 John Cowel five dollars 5.00  
 Hon William B. Calhoun and George C. Gibbs not being  
 able to attend due notice was given Daniel G. White and  
 Robert C. Bemis the Special Commissioners who appeared  
 and acted in their stead.

Springfield Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1854

Alund Homer } Co. Commissioners  
 Daniel G. White } Special  
 R. C. Bemis } Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted  
 and the road established as and for a public highway.



Selectmen of Chicopee  
 Also for discom of Highway  
 near Hadley in Chicopee

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 Respectfully represent the subscribers Selectmen and Citizens  
 of the town of Chicopee in said County, that the road leading  
 from Willimansett village in said Chicopee Northerly along the  
 bank of Connecticut river to the town line of South Hadley,  
 near South Hadley Falls, is out of repair and impassable -  
 that it is so exposed to the action of the river below, and to  
 slides of Earth from above, and is necessarily made upon  
 such uncertain foundations, and of materials so affected  
 by rains, that it is of very little public benefit, compared  
 with the Expense of maintaining it. They therefore request  
 your Board to take the necessary measures to view the  
 said road, and to discontinue it as a public highway.  
 They further represent that they are of opinion that a  
 convenient, feasible and easy road may be constructed  
 further back from the river from Willimansett to South  
 Hadley Falls to take the place of both of the roads now used,  
 which may be constructed for less Expense than will be  
 required to restore the river bank road, and maintained  
 at an Expense comparatively trifling. They therefore request  
 your board to view a rout for such new road from some  
 point near the public House of Clossen Pundleton in said  
 Willimansett, and leading back upon the highland at  
 a little distance from the river, and meeting the South  
 Hadley Falls road, at the town line near the House of Coray  
 Smith, and that your board will take the necessary -  
 measures to lay out a new highway over said route, -  
 and to discontinue such portions of the old hill road  
 or plain road, as may be rendered unnecessary for  
 public convenience by the new road so laid

Chicopee May 5<sup>th</sup> 1854. Selectmen of Chicopee & others  
 The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
 Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday  
 of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four  
 at which meeting the Commissioners during a session of the  
 premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet  
 for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Clossen  
 Pundleton in Chicopee on Thursday the twenty second day of June  
 next, at 9 o'clock, A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
 that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County  
 or his Deputy, upon the Selectmen of the town of Chicopee in said County,  
 thirty days at least, before the said 22<sup>d</sup> day of June and that all



other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Weekly Journal a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chicopee fourteen days before said 22<sup>d</sup> day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. —

Hampden, p. May 17<sup>th</sup> 1854 By virtue of this order I delivered to the Clerk of the town of Chicopee a true and attested copy of this petition and order of the Commissioners and posted up in two public places in said Chicopee copies of said petition and abstracts containing the substance of said order at the time of the service of said copy.

Patrick Boise, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners order that this petition be dismissed without costs.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Chester Crafts & others  
The subscribers respectfully represent that the highway as it is for a distance of 1/2 way now traveled from the town of West Springfield, to the in Holyoke town of Northampton through the town of Holyoke, on the easterly side of the Mountain, is crooked and out of repair, and they petition your Hon. Body to view the same, and to make such alterations and improvements in said highway, in said Holyoke, as shall by you be deemed necessary, and also to make such connections with other highways and discontinue such portions of any and all roads on said route as shall be deemed necessary, and order such specific repairs thereof as the condition of the same may require, and also to survey and define by Stone Monuments, the entire westerly line of said highway and to make record thereof. Holyoke May 16. 1854. Chester Crafts & others



The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four and by adjournment on the 16<sup>th</sup> May then next at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Webster Crafts in Holyoke on Wednesday the twenty first day of June next, at 9 o'clock A. M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said twenty first day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days, before said 21<sup>st</sup> day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty four and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden, p. May 20<sup>th</sup> 1854 By virtue of the within order I delivered to the Clerk of the town of Holyoke a true and attested copy of the within petition and order and on the same day posted up in two public places in said town copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Patrick Boies, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County



of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four.—

on the petition of Chester Crafts and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the subscribers respectfully represent that the highway as now travelled from the Town of West Springfield to the Town of Northampton through the Town of Holyoke, on the Easterly side of the mountain, is crooked and out of repair, and they petition your Honorable Body to view the same, and to make such alterations and improvements in said highway in said Holyoke, as shall by you be deemed necessary and also to make such connections with other highways and discontinue such portions of any and all roads on said route as shall be deemed necessary and order such specific repairs thereof as the condition of the same may require— and also to survey and define by stone monuments the entire westerly line of said Highway and to make record thereof,— as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the twenty first day of June then next and nine o'clock in the fore noon, at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such Road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Holyoke said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Mirror a newspaper published in said County. said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the said twenty first day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the



parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. —

William B. Calhoun one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend and notice was given by the other commissioners to Robert C. Dennis one of the special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead. —

Alfred Homer } County  
George L. Gibbs } Commissioners  
R. C. Dennis } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity. — At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke on Thursday the twenty fourth day of August next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, improvements, specific repairs, connections and discontinuance by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fourth day of August, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Holyoke, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least — and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke fourteen days at least before the said 24<sup>th</sup> day of August at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. — And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. —

Hampden, sp. July 21, 1854 By virtue of this process I made service thereof by delivering to the Town Clerk of Holyoke a true copy of the within petition and order, and posting up in two public places in the town of Holyoke



copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May then next on the petition of Chester Crafts and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the subscribers respectfully represent that the highway as now travelled from the Town of West Springfield to the town of Northampton through the Town of Holyoke on the Easterly side of the mountain is crooked and out of repair and they petition your Honorable body to view the same and to make such alterations and improvements in said highway in said Holyoke as shall by you be deemed necessary, and also to make such connections with other highways and discontinue such portions of any and all roads on said route as shall be deemed necessary and order such specific repairs thereof as the conditions of the same may require And also to survey and define by stone monuments, the entire westerly line of said highway and to make record thereof, — as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises — expedient, appointed Wednesday, the twenty first day of June then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such highway was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Holyoke said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Mirror a newspaper



published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been forty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty first day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after <sup>the</sup> hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twenty fourth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Wheter Crafts in said Holyoke as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and make alterations in the highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and making alterations and locating in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fourth day of August, met and proceeded to locate and make alterations as follows: Commencing at a stone monument on line between Holyoke and Northampton, then running South Eleven degrees thirty minute West, fifty six rods and fourteen links to a stone: Then South two degrees West, thirty two rods and fourteen links to a stone: at this a gill of two feet will be required and the road bed at the southerly end of this course and the northerly end of the next must be carried to the West across the center of the location as convenient and the grade of the same to be uniform: Then South fifteen degrees fifteen minutes West, twenty five rods and ten links to a stone: Then South eleven degrees fifteen minutes West thirty rods to a stone: Then South sixteen degrees West, thirty seven rods and fifteen links to a stone: Then South six degrees fifteen minutes West twenty seven rods and two links to a stone: Then South ten degrees forty five minutes



West fifty rods and eleven links to a stone. Then South thirteen  
degrees West twenty nine rods and ten links to a stone beneath  
the surface, which bears from the southeasterly corner of Chester  
Crafts Hotel South forty three degrees <sup>forty</sup> five minutes East forty  
five and a half links. Then South twenty one degrees ten  
minutes West, Eighty six rods to a stone (Oak tree in centre)  
Then South Eight degrees fifteen minutes West fifty one rods  
and nineteen links to a stone. Then South Eleven degrees  
fifteen minutes West Eighty four rods to a stone. Then South  
Twenty three degrees West, thirty eight rods and fourteen links  
to a stone. Then South six degrees fifteen minutes West thirteen  
rods to a stone. The grade of the road bed must be made  
uniform on this course. Then South two degrees fifteen minutes  
West, thirty nine rods and twenty one links across dry brook  
to a stone. The grade of ~~the course~~ <sup>the road bed</sup> must be uniform from  
the commencement of this course to a point easterly of the  
<sup>center</sup> of Edwin A. Ball's house. Then South  $6^{\circ} 30'$  East 63 rods to a  
stone. Then South four degrees forty five minutes West, twenty  
Eight rods and eight links to a stone. Thus far the road  
is laid three rods wide. Then South nine degrees thirty  
minutes West, seventeen rods and fifteen links to a stone.  
The road bed on this and the northerly part of the next  
course must be well thrown up and having a covering  
of gravel or some hardening material at least six inches  
in thickness. Then South sixteen degrees fifteen minutes  
West, ninety rods to a stone. At this point the monuments  
change from the Westerly to the Easterly side of the highway  
and the road for the last two courses and distances is laid  
four rods wide. Thence South twenty six degrees fifteen minutes  
West, forty rods and thirteen links to a chesnut tree and stone  
on westerly side. Thence South twenty five degrees West, fifteen  
rods and sixteen links to a stone. Thence South thirteen degrees  
fifteen minutes West, four rods and 18 links to a stone. Thence  
South four degrees forty five minutes West five rods to a  
stone. Thence South sixteen degrees East, twenty three rods and  
five links to a stone. — Thence South one degree fifteen  
minutes West twelve rods to a stone. Thence South twenty  
five degrees fifteen minutes West, thirteen rods and three links  
to a stone. Thence South thirty one degrees and thirty minutes  
West, forty six rods and four links to a stone. Thence South  
fifteen degrees and fifteen minutes West, thirty six rods and  
seven links to a stone. Thence South nineteen degrees and fifteen



minutes West three rods and twenty links to a stone; then South  
 Eastern degrees forty five <sup>minutes</sup> West, twenty five rods and fifteen  
 links to a stone: A substantial railing must be constructed  
 on this and the next corner and also at all points where the  
 same is necessary. and the grade of the road lead from Peltish  
 Elys dwelling house on this corner southerly to the junction  
 with or intersection of the Ferry road must be made more  
 uniform - then South nine degrees thirty minutes West fourteen  
 rods and six links to a stone - then South two degrees fifteen  
 minutes West, twenty seven rods and nineteen links to a stone  
 on the westerly side - then South seven degrees East, thirty six  
 rods and twenty two links to a stone, then South ten degrees  
 fifteen minutes West, thirty rods and five links to a stone;  
 then South fourteen degrees fifteen minutes West, thirty three  
 rods and five links to a stone. then South nine degrees fifteen  
 minutes West thirty six rods to a stone: From a point four  
 rods Northerly of the stone to the sluice at the foot of the hill  
 southerly the grade of the road but must be made uniform,  
 then South Eleven degrees East across Rity Brook so called to  
 a stone Monument on line between Holyoke and West Springfield  
 The line run on the above location is the centre; and the road  
 is three rods wide, except two corners specified and the monument  
 are set at the distance of one and a half rods from the line so  
 run. - all necessary sluices to be constructed, and all wet  
 and spongy places not particularly specified to have a covering  
 of gravel at least six inches thick and the whole of the road  
 to be put in a thorough state of repair all fences now standing  
 within the bounds as above established are to be removed, the  
 working and finishing of the road to be done to the satisfaction  
 of the Commissioners on or before the first day of November  
 1855. The Commissioners after hearing all persons interested  
 in the subject of damages who desired to be heard and after  
 considering the same have awarded as follows viz

Edwin H. Ball	one hundred and seventy five dollars	\$175.00
C. C. Curing	sixty five dollars	65.00
Little River	Twenty five dollars	25.00
Chapman River	Five Dollars	5.00

Springfield May 9<sup>th</sup> 1855

Alfred Homer

County

George C. Gibbs

Commissioners

Francis Briggs

which report being read and considered is accepted and the  
 road established under a public highway



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Hartford New Haven  
The New Haven Hartford & Springfield Rail Road Corporation Cop<sup>y</sup> for acts of  
respectfully represent that at a meeting of the County Com<sup>missioners</sup> Highway -  
missioners for said County held on the second Tuesday of April  
A.D. 1853, - it was upon the application of the Mayor and  
Aldermen of the City of Springfield, ordered that your petitioners  
should lower a certain alleged highway from the lower  
Ferry to Main Street in Springfield so that the same should  
pass under the railway of your petitioners, and construct  
a passage way under their said railway within the  
limits of said alleged highway, to be at least twelve feet  
in height and sixteen feet in width in the clear and pay  
the costs of said application: - And your petitioners rep-  
resent that the public convenience and necessity requires  
that said order shall be revoked and that said passage  
way shall not be constructed, but that the travel between  
said Ferry and Main Street shall pass where it now does  
over said Railway: - and they pray that after due pro-  
ceeding, the said order may be revoked, and said  
passage way discontinued, and that said highway if  
there be any shall be reestablished so that the public  
travel shall continue to go where it now does, with  
such other alterations as shall be deemed necessary  
and proper

Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1854

New Haven Hartford & Springfield Rail Road  
Corporation by their atty

R. A. Chapman

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty four and was continued to the  
meeting holden on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June 1854 at which  
meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they  
will meet for the purpose of said view, at the Court  
House in Springfield on Tuesday the Eighth day of  
August next, at 9 o'clock A.M.; and it was ordered by  
the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition  
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy,  
upon the Clerk of the City of Springfield in said County  
thirty days, at least, before the said Eighth day of August



and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the City of Springfield fourteen days before said 5<sup>th</sup> day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden, ss. June 27 1854 I there made service of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the City of Springfield a true and attested copy of the within petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon and by posting up in two public places in said Springfield copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof as therein directed

Patrick Boise, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report, in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four —  
On the petition of the New Haven Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the said County held on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1853 it was upon the application of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Springfield, ordered that your petitioners should lower a certain alleged highway from the lower ferry to the Main Street in Springfield so that the



same should pass under the rail way of your petitioners and construct a passage way under their said rail way within the limits of said alleged highway, to be at least twelve feet in light, and fifteen feet in the clear and pay for the costs of said application, and your petitioners represents that the public convenience and necessity requires that the order shall be revoked and that said passage way shall not be constructed but that the travel between said ferry and main street shall pass where it now does over said Rail way, and they pray that after due proceedings, the said order may be revoked, and said passageway discontinued and said highway if there be any shall be reestablished, so that the public travel shall continue to go where it now does with such other alterations as shall be deemed necessary and proper

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1854

As by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the Eighth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court house in Springfield in said town as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the City of Springfield being the City within which such highway was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in the City, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said Eighth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the



same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted - and do therefore decree - that the former order be annulled. -

William B. Calkoun Esq. not attending, after due notice Daniel S. White appeared and acted in his stead. -

Which report being read by Alfred Homer } County  
accepted - and said order is } George B. Gibbs } Commissioners  
discontinued as per Record } Daniel S. White } Special Commissioners

David R. Perry & al  
Petrs for alter of H way  
in Westfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
Your petitioners Inhabitants of the town of Westfield and  
Montgomery would respectfully represent that, the petition  
of Rufus Gould and others needs some alterations, that its  
limits may be extended and embrace more territory - viz  
Beginning at the Northampton road by the dwelling house  
of Mr Yeomans Jr in the town of Westfield and leading in  
a westerly direction and on the south side of the house of  
Russell Shepard: Also beginning at the pothole road at  
the west side of the Northampton road near the N. H. R. Depot,  
leading westerly and northerly the west side of Roadside  
Bodworths house, and by the south side of said Shepard house  
westerly by the house of Barnum Perry, Charles L. Atkins westerly  
to the top of Tader hill so called: Your petitioners would  
respectfully request that your Honors would view the premises  
and locate and construct said new road prayed for, and  
widen straighten and grade the hills, and discontinue such  
parts of the highway as may be useless or make such alterations  
and improvements as shall appear to your honors necessary  
Westfield May 30. 1854 David R. Perry and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the second  
Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred  
and fifty four and by adjournment on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June  
1854 at which meeting the Commissioners during a  
view of the premises inspecting and proper, gave notice that  
they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling  
house of H. A. Calkoun in Westfield on Wednesday the  
ninth day of August next, at 9 o'clock A.M. and it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,  
upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield in said County, thirty



day, at least before the said ninth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen day at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen day before said ninth day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden ss June 30<sup>th</sup> 1854 I then made service of the process by delivering to the Clerk of the town of Westfield a true and attested copy of this petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon and by posting up in two public places in said Westfield copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of David R. Perry then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that four petitioners inhabitants of the Town of Westfield and Montgomery would respectfully represent that the petition of Rufus Gould and others needs some alterations that its limits may be extended and embrace more territory viz Beginning at the Northampton road by



the dwelling house of Ira Germans Jr in the town of Westfield and leading in a westerly direction and on the south side of the house of Russell Shepard: Also beginning at the postoffice road at the west side of the Northampton road near the M. R. R. Depot leading westerly and northerly the west side of Noahdick Brewster's house and by the south side of said Shepard's house westerly by the house of Barnum Perry, Charles L. Atkins westerly to the top of Fader Hill so called your petitioners would respectfully request that your Honor would view the premises and locate and construct said new road prayed for and widen straighten and grade the hill and discontinue such parts of the highway as may be useless or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your Honor necessary. - Westfield May 30<sup>th</sup> 1854. David R. Perry and others as by said petition on file will appear. -

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the ninth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of H. B. Blossome in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such Road as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been - fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said ninth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require the prayer



of the petitioners should in part be granted, —

Hon W<sup>m</sup> B. Calhoun being unable to attend and notice was  
given Dan<sup>l</sup> H. White who appeared and acted in his stead

Almond Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel H. White } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted  
and the road prayed for in part, adjudged of common  
convenience and necessity, at which meeting the Com-  
missioners ordered that notice be given to all persons  
and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners  
will meet at the dwelling-house of H. A. Blacome in Westfield  
on Tuesday the thirty first day of October next, at nine o'  
clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said road  
and said alterations repairs and discontinuance by publishing  
an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the  
Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last publication to  
be fourteen days at least before the said thirty first  
day of October. And it was further ordered by the County  
Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy,  
serve the clerk of the town of Westfield, with a copy of  
said petition and this order, thirty days at least — and  
post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in  
two public places in said town of Westfield fourteen  
days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of October at which  
time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid  
and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein  
who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess  
such damages as in their opinions may be just and proper,  
by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting <sup>to the</sup>  
meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County  
in pursuance of said order make his return as follows  
Hampden, Jr. September 29<sup>th</sup> 1854 I then made service of  
this process by delivering to the town Clerk of Westfield  
a true copy of the petition and order of the Commissioners  
and posting up in two public places in said Westfield  
copies of said petition and abstracts containing the  
substance of said order as within directed

Patrick Boile, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing



as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1854

On the petition of David R. Perry and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the petition of Rufus Gould and others needs some alterations, that its limits may be extended and embrace more territory viz Beginning at the Northampton road by the dwelling house of Ira Germans Jr. in the town of Westfield and leading in a westerly direction and on the south side of the house of Russell Shepard: Also beginning at the pothole road at the west side of the Northampton road near the W. H. Woodruff leading westerly and northerly the west side of Wendell B. Worth's house, and by the south side of said Shepard's house, westerly of the house of Barnum Perry, Charles A. Addison, - westerly to the top of Fuder hill so called. Your petitioners would respectfully request that your Honor would view the premises and locate and construct said new road prayed for and widen straighten and grade the hill and discontinue such part of the highway as may be useless or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honor necessary as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the ninth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of H. A. Blodgett in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such highway was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said



was; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said ninth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. — and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the thirty first day of October then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of H. A. Blossom in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said road and make alterations and repairs and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirty first day of October when they met and proceeded to locate as follows. Viz,

Beginning at a stone standing one rod southerly from the Southeast corner of Rufus Goulds dwelling house and in line with the east end of said house, then run the same course one and a half rods to the centre of said new road or way, then South fifty five degrees East in the centre of said new road or way forty eight rods and five links, then South, seventy three degrees East forty seven rods, then South sixty two degrees East thirteen rods fifteen links, this course to be of uniform grade. Then <sup>South</sup> twenty eight degrees, East forty eight rods nineteen links, this course is on the side hill and is to be of uniform grade. Then South twenty three degrees east thirty rods. Then South thirty nine degrees East fourteen rods. the above courses are taken in the centre of the road. Then beginning at a



Stone one and half rods north of the center, and running South twenty two degrees East forty two rods and five links on the north side to a stone. Then South Eighty five degrees East. Eighty four rods and twenty three links. Then North seventy eight degrees East fifty nine rods and twelve and half links. Then South seventy eight degrees East eighteen rods. Then South Eighty seven degrees East nine rods twelve and a half links. Then North sixty one degrees East seventeen rods the two last courses are on the side hill. Then North eighty seven degrees East thirty one rods and eight links. Then South Eighty one degrees East <sup>Montgomery road</sup> twenty seven rods and three links. Then South Eighty <sup>five</sup> degrees East fourteen rods. Then South sixty four degrees East twenty three rods and twenty links. Then South fifty five degrees East fifteen rods and five links. Then South forty five degrees East thirty five rods seven links. Then South fifty two degrees East sixty six rods. The highway as laid above is to be three rods wide. The same course of South fifty two degrees East continues for twenty six rods to the Montgomery road, a stone standing at the southeast corner of Russell Shepards land. the last course to be narrowed to forty feet at the Montgomery road. Also an alteration of the road on land of Jared Brad, beginning at a stone monument at the South east corner of land of said Jared on the east side of the Montgomery road and opposite the Rockcastle road. Then South thirty four degrees East fourteen rods to a stone monument at the top of Miller's hill taking two and one fourth rods of said Brad's land.

In the construction of the above named road the following directions must be observed and followed. The road bed must be eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches and sufficiently crowned to cause the water to pass immediately into the ditches. and if any portion of the road should be sandy and require hardening the same must be covered with some suitable material for hardening and the road bed must be covered with the same to the depth of at least six inches. and at all places where culverts are needed, they will be required. and all culverts must be built and covered with stone and of sufficient capacity to convey the water that may accumulate in seasons of heavy rains. from one side of the road to the other, the walls of the culverts to be two feet in thickness. At all



places where railing is necessary, good and substantial poles of Chestnut which must be four inches in diameter at the small end must be used and the posts which must be of Chestnut timber must be placed firmly in the ground and stand two feet above the surface of the ground, or so far above the surface that the height of the top of the railing shall be two and a half feet above the road. The road is to be worked and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September 1855 all wood timber and fences or property of individuals must be removed before the first of June 1855.

After hearing all persons interested in damages, and having adjudicated thereon we have made the following award. James Mosely and David Mosely having relinquished their damages

Rufus Gould	\$125.00
William Moore	450.00
Samuel Hadley	100.00
Markam Shepard	75.00
William Shepard	85.00
Ira Gromans	35.00
Michael Dennis	10.00
Polly Sackett	5.00
Rachel Sackett	6.00
Roland Sackett	4.00
Franklin Brass	30.00
Russell Shepard	20.00
Jared Brass	5.00

William B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given to Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commission

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Elsha Luffingham  
The undersigned Citizens of <sup>Norwich</sup> ~~Norwich~~ in the County of Hampshire respectfully represent to your honorable Montgomery Board that the way leading from the house of to Litch-



Leffingwell in said Norwich to the Montgomery road so called lies mainly in the town of Montgomery in the County of Hampden and was made by said Leffingwell - about thirty years ago and the said Leffingwell has ever since borne the whole expense of keeping said road in repair without aid from the said town of Montgomery till the last year notwithstanding the said Leffingwell has always paid a tax on real estate owned by him and lying in said Montgomery. This in our opinion is imposing upon him a burden that he ought not to bear. It has now got into such a state as to render such alterations and repairs necessary as ought not in our opinion to be imposed on any one man. This is the only way said Leffingwell has to get on a public highway. The said Leffingwell has repeatedly - applied to the town of Montgomery to aid him in keeping said way in repair and they have as often refused to render him any assistance or cause any alterations to be made - such being the state of facts we deem it a matter of necessity to petition your honors to view said way and order such alterations and repairs as in your judgment are needed and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray. Dated at Norwich aforesaid the first day of June 1854

Elisha Leffingwell & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, - at which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the premises pertinent and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Elisha Leffingwell in on Thursday the thirty first day of August next, at nine o'clock A.M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Montgomery in said County, thirty days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post a public newspaper printed in said County; three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view and it was



further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Montgomery fourteen days before said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expediting and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows,

Hampden July 27 1854 I made service of this process by delivering to the Town Clerk of Montgomery a true copy thereof and posting up in two public places in said Montgomery copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners order that this petition be dismissed without cost

The following persons were licensed as Innholders without authority to sell intoxicating liquors April 11<sup>th</sup> 1855

Lew Brown, East Parish, Granville  
Elisha Kimney, at his house, Holland  
Chester Strong, Nassawans House, Palmer  
John Baldwin, at his house, Wilbraham  
Madison Kendall Market Square Chicopee

Edwin B. Webber is licensed as a common victualler at the house formerly Miller Inn in Wales

The following persons were licensed as Innholders without authority to sell intoxicating liquors May 9<sup>th</sup> 1855

Lewis Chapman at his house on the Green Westfield  
Alfred Barnard East of R.R. Depot "  
G. C. Horner North East part of the common Plainfield  
Rufus Mosher Corner of Front & Exchange St Chicopee  
Chester Crafts at his present house Holyoke  
Samantha Marshall Union House at Depot (June 7<sup>th</sup>) Palmer



The following persons are licensed as common victuallers

Levi Smith in Loomis Building	Westfield
Luther Doane in Lues Building	"
John S. Rogers in basement of building Westfield & Glens Falls	"
William Flynt in the Arnold buildings	"
Richard Collins corner of Exchange & Cabot Sts	Chicopee
Sylvester Miller Jr. of Bonds Village	Palmer

is licensed as inn holder and Common victualler

In conformity with a resolve of the general Court passed at their present session April 26<sup>th</sup> 1855 granting a tax of Twenty nine thousand dollars for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following.

Blandford	\$ 697.39	Montgomery	\$ 303.41
Brimfield	349.95	Palmer	1617.99
Chicopee	595.68	Russell	225.24
Chicopee	4575.25	Southwick	575.60
Granville	530.50	Springfield	8065.55
Holland	196.12	Tolland	361.51
Holyoke	2539.18	Wales	297.84
Longmeadow	1024.50	Westfield	2065.12
Ludlow	511.53	West Springfield	2034.07
Mendon	1192.65	Wilbraham	1162.32
<u>\$12395.27 =</u>		<u>\$14606.75</u>	

\$29,000.00

And warrants have been issued dated nineteenth day of May 1855 directed to the Selectmen or assessors of the several towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns and requiring their collector or Constables to collect the same, and pay the same to William Rice Esq County Treasurer, or his Successor or order by the last day of August ensuing as the law directs.

Ordered that William Rice Esq be authorized to borrow such money as may be necessary for the expenses of the current year in anticipation of the revenue and to give the County note therefor.



Sundry accounts against the County being now presented  
for allowance amounting to the sum (\$904.87) of nine  
hundred and six dollars and sixty seven cents are allowed  
and ordered to be paid out of the County treasury—

Hampden Co. June 7<sup>th</sup> 1855. Judgment is entered  
up according to reports &c and all matters not acted  
upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is  
adjourned without day.

Attest Geo. F. Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty sixth day of the month and from day to day to the twenty eighth day of said month and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of August and by adjournment on the eleventh day of September to the twelfth of said September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Present Alured Hemer Esq.

George C. Gibbs

County

Francis Brewer

Commissioners

Anchored & Belchertown Corp.  
Pet for exp<sup>ty</sup> of dam. on land  
of John A. Squire

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The petition of the Anchored and Belchertown Rail Road  
Company a corporation established by law respectfully represent  
That they have been unable to agree with John A. Squire  
of Palmer in said County, for the land in said Palmer,  
taken of him for the rail road of said Company according  
to the location of said rail road filed in the office of the  
County Commissioners of said County, and bounded northw<sup>ly</sup>  
partly on his own land and partly on land of Col Cyrus Knox;  
Easterly partly on his own land & partly on land of Western  
rail road Company and Westerly on land of Col Cyrus Knox,  
the same being fifteen rods in length and four rods in width.  
Your petitioners therefore pray that you would proceed  
agreeably to the provisions of law to assess damages due  
to said John A. Squire on account of the taking of his  
said land.

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1855

In behalf of said Anchored & Belchertown  
Rail road Company

Leake Sweetser

Pres<sup>t</sup> & Agent

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
Tuesday of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty two. At which meeting the Commissioners  
ordered the following notice to be given said premises

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Hampden.

The foregoing petition being presented to Norman T. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden on the twentieth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two and the said Amherst and Belchertown Rail Road Company having entered into a recognizance to the said County of Hampden with sufficient sureties as by law required it ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> thereupon ordered by the Chairman of the County Commissioners aforesaid that Friday the fourth day of June next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Thomas Morris in said Salmer be appointed as the time and place for hearing the parties and acting upon said petition by said Commissioners and that the petitioner cause a true and attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the said John A. Squire personally or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

~~Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid~~  
Norman T. Leonard

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden. Mass. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

In pursuance of the within order of the County Commissioners I have notified the within named John A. Squire of the time and place of the meeting of said Commissioners for the purpose named in said order by giving the said Squire in hand a true and attested copy of the foregoing petition and the order of the said Commissioners thereon

Parker W. Webster

Deputy Sheriff

And now said Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without cost.



George M. Perkins & others  
Petitioners for a highway  
in Holyoke

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
Your petitioners respectfully represent, that common convenience and necessity require, that a highway commencing south of the house of Stillman Hitchcock, in Holyoke, thence through the Orchard and woods belonging to said Hitchcock, to land of Warren Banks, crossing land of said Banks, to land of Levi Perkins, crossing the land of said Perkins, to land formerly owned by John Day, crossing said land to land of Solomon Chapman, crossing the land of said Chapman, to land now or formerly owned by Manly Street, to land of Sylvester Munger, crossing land of said Munger, to land of Moses Thorpe thence on land of said Thorpe to the highway called the John Taylor road.

And we ask your honorable body to view the premises aforesaid, and locate a highway accordingly and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. - Dated at Holyoke this Eleventh day of April in the year 1853.

And your petitioners further represent that the highway, near the house of James Banks in said Holyoke, leading to Southampton in the County of Hampshire, is defective and out of repair. - We ask your Honorable body to view the same, and make such alterations as shall seem to you just and necessary.

George M. Perkins and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

at which meeting a notice to view was ordered but no proceedings were had under said order and this petition was continued to a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1853. At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Manly Street in Holyoke on Wednesday the seventeenth day of August next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said seventeenth day of August and that all other persons and corporations -



interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Freeman a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before the said 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expediting and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows:-

Hampden, ss. July 9<sup>th</sup> 1855 By virtue of the order I have notified all persons and corporations interested in the within petition of the time and place of the meeting of the Commissioners for the County of Hampden by giving the Town Clerk for the town of Holyoke an attested copy of this order in hand, also by posting up in two public places in said Holyoke two copies or abstract containing the substance thereof

R. L. Marsh, Deputy Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, -

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three,

On the petition of George M. Perkins and others then present to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that Common convenience and necessity require that a highway commencing South of the house of Stillman Hitchcock in Holyoke thence through the Orchard and woods belonging to said Hitchcock to land of Warren



Banks crossing land of said Banks to land of Levi Perkins, crossing the land of said Perkins to land formerly owned by Jube Day, crossing said land, to land of Solomon Chapman, crossing the land of said Chapman to land now or formerly owned by Manly Street to land of Sylvester Munger crossing land of said Munger to land of Moses Thorp: thence on land of said Thorp to the highway called the John Dayles road, - And we ask your honorable body to view the premises - aforesaid and locate a highway accordingly. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, Dated at Holyoke this Eleventh day of April in the Year 1855. - And Your petitioners further represent that the highway near the house of James Banks in said Holyoke leading to Southampton in the County of Hampshire is defective and out of repair. We ask your honorable body to view the same and make such alterations as shall seem to you just and necessary -

George W. Perkins and Others

as by said petition on file will appear, - The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the seventeenth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Manly Street in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such highway and alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Freeman a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. - And on the said seventeenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view;



and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity requires that the prayer of the petitioners be granted in part— William B. Calhoun Esq. one of the Commissioners being unable to attend, notice was given to Daniel S. White one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared and acted in his place.

Alfred Homer County  
George C. Gibbs Commissioners  
Daniel S. White Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged of common convenience and necessity— at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Silman S. Hitchcock in Holyoke on Wednesday the twentieth day of June next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three or four times successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twentieth day of June. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Holyoke with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke fourteen days at least before the said twentieth day of June at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may there and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden ss May 15<sup>th</sup> 1855 I served the town



Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract — containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

W. Cutler Sheriff

And now the Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs.

Manly Street & others  
Pet'rs for highway  
in Holyoke

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Your petitioners would most respectfully represent that the common convenience and public good require that a public road or highway should be laid out, as prayed for by George Perkins and others and that such petition may be amended as to intersect the now traveled road at the most convenient place between the south line of the Manly Street farm and the Hampshire County line on the Taylor road. therefore your petitioners pray that a further view may be had at as early a day as may be convenient, and that such road may be laid in the most convenient place.

Holyoke Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Manly Street, and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty three and by adjournment on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1853. At which meeting the Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Manly Street in Holyoke on Thursday the thirteenth day of October next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days at least, before the said thirteenth day of October and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Freeman a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up



by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said thirtieth day of October and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. —

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows, —

Hampden, p. September 15<sup>th</sup> 1853 By virtue of the within order, I delivered to the Town Clerk of Holyoke a true and attested copy of this petition and order and also posted up in two public places in said Holyoke, abstracts containing the substance of said petition and the order of the County Commissioners thereon.

Patrick Boies, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows. —

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty three and by adjournment, to 8<sup>th</sup> September 1853 —

On the petition of Manly Street and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the common convenience and public good require that a public road or Highway should be laid out as prayed for by George Sextons and others and that such petition may so be amended as to intersect the new-traveled road at the most convenient place between the South line of the Manly Street Farm and the Hampshire County line on the Taylor road therefore your petitioners pray that a further view may be had at as early a day as may be convenient and that such road may be laid in the most convenient place —

Holyoke Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1853.

as by said petition on file will appear, —



The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the thirtieth day of October then next and near about in the forenoon, at the house of Manly Street in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such Road or Highway was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Freeman a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view, —

And on the said thirtieth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity requires, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted in part. —

From Wm B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead

Alfred Homer } County  
George S. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity, as which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Manly Street in Holyoke on Thursday the twenty fifth day of



June next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of June. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Holyoke with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke fourteen days at least before the said 21<sup>st</sup> day of June at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. -

And the petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. -

Hampden Co. May 15<sup>th</sup> 1855 I served the Town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition - more than 14 days before the time of said meeting. -

N. Butler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden David Norton &c. The subscribers respectfully represent to your Honorable Pet. for Highway Board that the public interest and convenience requires in Holyoke that a new road or highway should be laid in the town of Holyoke beginning on so called, "West Street" a few rods south of the dwelling house of J. C. Thompson, at the Eastern terminus of a road recently laid by the Selectmen of Holyoke, and running thence on north easterly course toward the brick meeting house on Front St. ut. till it intersects the road recently laid by the County Commissioners leading from the premises



of John Ashley to the above brick meeting house: the  
intention to take place at some point on the premises  
of the late Warren Fitchers; all which they pray  
may be done, as to your honorable Board the public  
interest and convenience shall seem to require, —

Holyoke Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1853.

David Norton & others —

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred and fifty three. At which meeting the  
Commissioners during a view of the premises expedient  
and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose  
of said view, at the dwelling house of John C. Thompson  
in Holyoke on Wednesday the nineteenth day of April next  
at nine o'clock, A.M. and it was ordered by the County  
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by  
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk  
of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days at least  
before the said nineteenth day of April, and that all  
other persons and corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition and the order thereon,  
in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was  
further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition  
or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order,  
be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places  
in the town of Holyoke, fourteen days before the said 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid  
to all persons and corporations interested, that the County  
Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them  
at the time and place aforesaid. —

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made  
his return as follows. —

Hampden Co. March 6<sup>th</sup> 1854 I made service of the precept  
by delivering to the Town Clerk of Holyoke a true copy of  
the within petition and the order of the County Commissioners  
thereon and posting up in two public places in said Holyoke  
copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance  
thereof, as within directed, Patrick Borer, Sheriff



and now the Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs. —

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Hinsdale Smith returns  
The undersigned respectfully represents that the public convenience and necessity require increased facilities for public travel between the towns of Westfield and Suffield (South Westfield Street, Agamann) also  
West Springfield from a point on the hill near — South Front St. Agamann  
Moseley bridge to Suffield line near the house of James C. Holladay and that they would locate a new highway from a point near the top of said hill to a point near the house of Oliver P. Elds and make such alterations in the existing highway from the house of said Elds southward to the state line as the public convenience requires: — Also commencing to the first mentioned point and running westerly to the new road leading to Little river mill in Westfield

May 1854 Hinsdale Smith & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four, and by adjournment on the 7th day of June 1854.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises important and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Samuel Palmer in West Springfield on Tuesday the first day of August next at nine o'clock in the A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served, by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield, in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said first day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or



abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before the said first day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. —

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
 Hampden. p. June 29<sup>th</sup> 1854. I then made service of this process by delivering to the Town Clerk of West Springfield a true and attested copy of the within petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon - and also by posting up in two public places in said West Springfield copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1854. on the petition of Hiram Smith and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the undersigned respectfully - represents that the public convenience and necessity require increased facilities for public travel between the Towns of Westfield and Suffield. They therefore pray that the Commissioners would give that portion of the existing highway that lies in West Springfield from a point on the hill near Merly's bridge to a point near the house of James C. Holliday and that they would locate a new highway from a point near the top of said hill to a point near the house of Oliver P. Olds and make such alterations in the existing highway from the



house of said Old Southbury to the state line as the public convenience requires. Also commencing to the first-mentioned point and running westerly to the narrow road leading to Little River Mills. May, 1854

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the first day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Samuel Palmer in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said first day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and by adjournment to the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept, proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and then adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted. —

Hon William B. Calhoun one of the commissioners being unable to attend notice was given Robert E. Bernis one of the Special Commissioners — who appeared and acted in his stead. —



Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
R. C. Dennis } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of C. C. Knight in West Springfield on Wednesday the fifteenth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and the order thereon in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of November. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. —

Hampden, ss. October 11<sup>th</sup> 1884. I then made service of this process by delivering to the town Clerk of West Springfield a true copy of this petition, and order of the County Commissioners thereon and at the same time posting up in two public places in said West Springfield copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Catrick Rice, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the



April

<sup>second</sup> Tuesday of ~~June~~ in the year of our Lord Eighteen -  
hundred and fifty four. On the petition of Hiram Cole  
Smith and others, then presented to said Commissioners, -  
representing and setting forth that the undersigned respectfully  
represent that the public convenience and necessity require  
increased facilities for public travel between the Towns of  
Westfield and Suffield. They therefore pray that the Com-  
missioners would view that portion of the existing highway  
that lies in West Springfield from a point on the hill  
near Mosley bridge to Suffield line near the House of  
James C. Holliday and that they would locate a new  
highway from a point near the top of said hill to a  
point near the House of Oliver S. Olds and make such  
alterations in the existing Highway from the House of  
said Olds southerly to the State line, as the public convenience  
requires - Also Commencing at the first mentioned point  
and running westerly to the new road leading to Little  
River Mills in Westfield. May 1854.

As by said petition on file will appear,  
The Commissioners, during a view of the premises -  
in pursuit, appointed Tuesday, the first day of August  
then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house  
of Samuel Palmer, in West Springfield as the time and  
place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of  
said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of  
West Springfield being the town within which such  
Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the  
time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts  
of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be  
posted in two public places in said town; and also gave  
notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of  
said petition to be published three weeks successively  
in the Republican a newspaper published in said  
County, said posting and the last publication of said  
copy having been fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view; and before said view was  
had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner  
as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all  
persons interested, of the time and place for commencing  
said view.

And on the said first day of August the Commissioners  
met at the time and place appointed, and by adjournment.



to the 17<sup>th</sup> of September proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the First Tuesday of October - then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the fifteenth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of late Wright in said West Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said highway in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fifteenth day of November met and proceeded to locate said highway as follows, viz -

Commencing at a Stone Monument on the East side of the highway at Suffield line and running North three and a half degrees East four chains on land of James W. Holliday, then North eight degrees East ten chains and ninetyone links on said Holliday and James Dent, then North thirteen degrees East ten chains on land of George and Joseph Fuller, then North seventeen and a quarter degrees East eighteen chains and six links on land of Henry Hamilton and heir of Edmund Holliday, then North two and three quarter degrees East eleven chains and fifty eight links on land of John Granger and et al in last then North three and three quarter degrees West nine chains on land of J. B. More, then North sixteen degrees West eleven chains and ninety four links on land of W<sup>m</sup> More and L. D. Northam, then North nine and a half degrees West twelve chains and eighty one links on Northam land, then half a degree East four chains and eighty three links on said Northam land, then North two degrees East six chains and seventy four links on land of G. D. Taylor, then North eleven and



a half degree East ten chains and fifty links on said T aylor  
land, - then North thirteen degrees East six chains and thirty  
five links on T aylor and R. L. Vanhorn, - then North one and  
a half East thirteen chains and fifty six links on Vanhorn  
and Truman Smith and A. Bidwell - then five degrees  
East ten chains and thirty links on said Bidwells land to  
the road called Shoe Makers lane, the road thus far is laid  
three and a half rods wide - then North three degrees East  
ten chains and fifty links on T. H. Hughes Leonard and  
H. Smiths land, then North four chains and ninety five  
links on Smith and J. Leonard land, - then North eleven  
degrees West five chains on Leonard and S. Wright land, then  
North sixteen and a half degrees West eighteen chains and  
fifty links on Flower Leonard, Gibbons & Co. Wyma Hill and  
Philip Smiths land to the centre of Fading Hill, the  
monument at this point is an iron bar driven into the  
ground level with the travelled path, - then North seven  
and a half degrees East one chain and sixty one links,  
then North thirteen degrees East twenty three chains  
and seventy five links on land of T aylor and Wright  
Justice Granger to Spencer Hlemons Barn the monument  
at this point to be a stone two and a half feet long  
and set in the ground so that the top of the stone  
shall be level with the ground. - then North seven  
and a half degrees East five chains and sixty six links  
on J. Flower and C. Hatch then North two and three  
quarter degrees East twelve chains and sixty six links  
on R. Kellogg and S. Whites - then one and one quarter degree  
East ten chains and six links on White, Olapp and  
Palmer land, - then North five and a half degrees East  
thirteen chains and thirty seven links on James Smiths  
land to the road leading to Springfield, the road  
from Shoe Makers lane to this point is laid four rods  
wide - then North nine and one quarter degrees, East,  
eight chains twenty six links on James Smiths land,  
then North one and a half degrees East, ten chains  
and twenty seven links on Kellogg, Stiles and Gaylords,  
then North eight and three quarter degrees West eight  
chains and twenty links on land of Hiber Miller -  
then North fourteen and a half degrees West five chains  
and fifty nine links on H. Miller - then North twenty  
degrees West seven chains and sixty eight links



on Miller, Leonard and Hamlin's land. then North twenty five degrees West, nine chains and fifty six links to Ester Hamlin's land. North eleven and a half degrees West three chains. then North ten and a half degrees West, two chains, then North two and a half degrees West three chains. then North three and a half degrees East five chains all on said Hamlin's land. then North six degrees East, five chains, then North eighteen degrees East nine chains on Town Farm then North twenty one degrees East eight chains, then North twenty three degrees East nine chains and 92 link. then North six degrees East one chain and 56 links on land of J. Smith and Ester Hamlin then North twenty two and a half degrees West three chains. then North twelve and three quarter degrees West four chains and twenty five links - then North six degrees East four chains and fifty links - then North twenty degrees West two chains - then North forty four degrees West three chains and twenty five links. then North fifty three degrees West four chains and fifty links. - then North forty five degrees West six links (the monuments thus far are placed on the east side of the way. from this point to the termination of the road they are placed on the west side of the road) then North fifty degrees West ten chains, then North thirty six degrees West thirteen chains. then North thirty six and a half degrees West fourteen chains and eighty nine links, then North forty seven degrees West three chains then North sixty six degrees West three chains. then North seventy seven and a half degrees West seven chains. then North eighty four and a half degrees West twelve chains to stone monuments on both sides of the road. From the road leading to Springfield near the house of James Smith to the last mentioned monument or termination of said road is laid three and a half rods wide. - The following alterations and repairs are ordered viz. Beginning at Stone Monument near the north west corner of Albert Palmer's House and running to the monument at the south west corner of James Smith's Garden is to be worked a new. the old cider mill standing on the line of road to be moved and the road bed to be made in centre of road. the road from the Bridge in the Asher Dags hollow so called. towards the west from said Bridge to the top of the Hill to be made as uniform grade as may be and the make of the ground will allow.



from the top of the Hill to the westfield line to be -  
worked the entire distance twenty feet wide exclusive  
of the ditches and to be so elevated that the water will  
easily pass off into the ditches, and at whatever points  
sluices are needed they must be made sufficiently  
large to pass off the water freely at all seasons of  
the year, and when the road bed is not of suffic-  
ient hardness, gravel or some other hardening substance  
must be laid upon the surface of the road bed of at  
least six inches in thickness: The whole survey was taken  
in the centre of the road. The grade from the Bridge  
in the Asher Day Hollow South to the first stone  
monument by a yellow pine tree marked, is not to  
exceed five degrees. -

The whole to be completed in a thorough and  
workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County  
Commissioners on or before the first day of July 1<sup>st</sup> 1856  
After locating the afore described Highway and alterations  
and having heard all persons and Corporations interested  
who desired to be heard in the subject of damages, the  
Commissioners have assessed to

Jasas Smith Fifty dollars \$ 50.00

Jonathan Dunster Five dollars 5.00

The other persons claiming any damage none is  
assessed. -

From W<sup>m</sup> B. Calhoun one of the Commissioners being  
unable to attend, notice was given to R. E. Dennis  
one of the Special Commissioners who appeared  
and acted in his stead

Alfred Homer & County  
George C. Gilbe & Commissioners.

R. E. Dennis & Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted  
and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Marquis L. Wright - at  
Your petitioners would represent that the public travel from Holyoke  
would be better accommodated in the west part of in Holyoke  
Holyoke leading from the pine stump eastwardly to  
deviate from the route prayed for by Robinson Clapp  
and others and running in a direction that comes near



the dwelling house of Edwin Perkins and thence Easterly until it strikes the route asked for by the said Olcott. Your petitioners desire your Hon. Board to view and if expedient locate the same.

Holyoke June 17<sup>th</sup> 1854. Marquis L. Wright & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four at which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Silman & Hitchcock in Holyoke on Wednesday the twenty third day of August next, at 9 o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days at least before the said 23<sup>d</sup> day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said 23<sup>d</sup> day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden, ss. July 21<sup>st</sup> 1854. I made service of the premises by delivering to the Clerk of the town of Holyoke a true copy thereof and posting up in two public places in said Holyoke copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof.

Patrick Boies, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs.

grade as may be and the make of the ground will allow,



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Benjamin Ashley & al  
your petitioners would humbly represent that when the ferry Bet for disc<sup>o</sup> of H way  
was established across the Connecticut River between West- in West Springfield  
Springfield and Cabotville the highway from the main street  
in West Springfield leading to said river was wholly laid on  
your petitioners land and in expectation of the permanency of  
the ferry your petitioner was persuaded to release a large  
part of the damages - Subsequently a bridge was built connecting  
the above named places and a considerable portion of said  
road was rendered useless to the public travel (except for the  
winter travel when there is crossing on the ice) and your petitioner  
subjected to great loss - your petitioner would therefore  
pray that your honorable board would view said highway  
and discontinue that portion of it that lies east of the point  
where it diverges and leads to Cabot and West Springfield  
Bridge and that the discontinuance shall cover all the  
highway from that point to the Connecticut River reserving  
the right of way for the winter travel when there is crossing  
on the ice

West Springfield Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1854 Benjamin Ashley & al  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said county on the  
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty four at which meeting the Com-  
missioners deeming a view of the premises expedient  
and proper gave notice that they would meet for the  
purpose of said view, at the Chicopee House in Chicopee  
on Wednesday the twenty seventh day of September next,  
at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County  
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served  
by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, upon the  
Clock of the Town of West Springfield in said county  
thirty days at least, before the said 27<sup>th</sup> day of September  
and that all other persons and corporations interested  
therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon, in the weekly Journal a public  
newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said view, And it was further ordered by  
the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or  
abstract containing the substance thereof and this  
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two



public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said 27<sup>th</sup> day of September and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden, ss. August 26<sup>th</sup> 1854 I made service of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the town of West Springfield a true copy of the petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon and at the same time posted up in two public places in said West Springfield copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four.

On the petition of Benjamin Ashley and others then presented, to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that when the ferry was established across the Connecticut River between West Springfield and Cabotville, the highway from the main street in West Springfield leading to said river was wholly laid on your petitioner's land. And in expectation of the permanency of the ferry, your petitioner was persuaded to release a large part of the damages. Subsequently a bridge was built connecting the above named places, and a considerable portion of said road was rendered useless to the public travel (except for the winter travel, when there is crossing on the ice) and your petitioner subject to great loss — Your petitioner would therefore pray your Hon<sup>orable</sup> Board would view said Highway and discontinue that portion of it that lies East of the point where it diverges, and leads to Cabot and West Springfield Bridge and that



the discontinuance shall cover all the highway from that point to the Connecticut river, reserving the right of way for the winter travel, when there is crossing on the ice  
West Springfield Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1854 Benjamin Ashley  
Daniel Ashley

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September then next and 9 o'clock in the forenoon at the Chicopee House in said Chicopee, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such Road as prayed for, thirty days, at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in West Springfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Weekly Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 27<sup>th</sup> day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the above petition be granted in part.

Hon W<sup>m</sup> B. Calhoun being unable to attend and notice was given Robert C. Bemis one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead. Alured Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners



R. C. Bemis, Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the discontinuance of the road as prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Chicopee House in Chicopee on Friday the eighteenth day of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said discontinuance by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Weekly Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of May, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of May at which time the said Commissioners will meet to locate said discontinuance and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just proper, by reason of the location of said road. -

and this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden. ss. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1855. I served the town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

W. Cutler, Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, and by adjournment on the fifteenth day of August 1854. —

On the petition of Benjamin Ashley and another then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that when the Ferry was established across the Connecticut river between West Springfield and Cabotville the Highway from Main Street in West Springfield leading to said river was wholly laid on your petitioner's land and in expectation of the permanency of the Ferry your petitioner was persuaded to release a large part of the damages. Subsequently a Bridge was built connecting the above named place and a considerable portion of said road was rendered useless to the public travel (except for the winter travel when there is crossing on the ice) and your petitioner is subjected to great loss. Your petitioner would therefore pray your Honorable Board would view said Highway and discontinue that portion of it that lies East of the point where it diverges and leads to Cabot & West Springfield Bridge, and that the discontinuance shall cover all the highway from that point to the Connecticut river, reserving the right of way for the winter travel when there is crossing on the ice. West Springfield Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1854 Benjamin Ashley and another as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises requested, appointed Wednesday, the twenty seventh day of September, then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Chicopee House in Chicopee, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such highway lay which was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the weekly



Journal or newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty seventh day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the April regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of April then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted in part, — and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the eighteenth day of May then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Chipew house in Chipew in said town, at the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate a discontinuance in part, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made, and provided, before proceeding to view / except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, on the said eighteenth day of May met and proceeded to locate a discontinuance in part, as follows:

Commencing at a point where the new road intersects the road leading to the old Ferry landing and running on the left hand of the old Ferry road North sixty five and half degrees West nine chains and thirty eight links to a point where the Ferry road intersects the road leading to the Cabot and West Springfield Bridge running in a Northeastly and Southerly direction to said bridge and the main road leading to the centre of West Springfield. And that portion of the old Ferry road above named is hereby discontinued.

Francis Brewer one of the Commissioners being unable



to attend due notice was given Robert C. Bemis one of the  
Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his  
stead.

Alvin Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioner  
R. C. Bemis } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted  
and the road discontinued as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire N. Cutler and others  
your petitioners inhabitants of the town of Chicopee for alter of highway  
respectfully represent that some alterations are necessary in Chicopee  
in the road leading from the Williamswell Hotel in said  
Chicopee to the boundary line of said Chicopee near South  
Hadley. Wherefore they pray you to make such alterations  
in location and grade of said road as the public  
necessities may require and public convenience demand.  
Chicopee Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1854 N. Cutler, and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our  
Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, and by adjourn-  
ment on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1854, at which meeting  
the Commissioners during a view of the premises  
expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet  
for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of  
Chasmon Pendleton in Chicopee on Thursday the twenty  
sixth day of October next, at nine o'clock A. M. and it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said county or his deputy,  
upon the Clerk of the town of Chicopee in said county,  
thirty days at least, before the said 26<sup>th</sup> day of October and  
that all other persons and corporations interested therein  
be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order therein, in the weekly Journal a public newspaper  
printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time  
of said view. And it was further ordered by the  
Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract  
containing the substance thereof and this order, be  
posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places  
in the town of Chicopee fourteen days before said



26<sup>th</sup> day of October and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, and by adjournment to first Tuesday of November, - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
Hampden, p. September 26<sup>th</sup> 1854 I then made service of this process by delivering to the town clerk of Chicopee a true copy of this petition and order thereon and posting up in two public places in Chicopee copies of petition and abstracts - containing the substance of said order as within directed, - At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment to first Tuesday of November, on the petition of Nathaniel Butler then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the inhabitants of the town of Chicopee respectfully represent that some alterations are necessary in the road leading from the Willimanett Hotel in said Chicopee near South Hadley, wherefore they pray you to make such alterations in location and grade of said road as the public necessities may require and public convenience demand

Chicopee Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1854

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the twenty sixth day of October then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Benson Pendleton in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such Highway was situated as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance -



thereof, to be posted in two public places in Chicopee said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the weekly Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said Twenty sixth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the Petitioners should be granted.

William B. Colborn being unable to attend due notice was given Daniel S. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead

Abner Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel S. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for alterations adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five, at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Chas. Pendleton in Chicopee on Tuesday the fifth day of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Republican a public newspaper printed in said



County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of June. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Chicopee with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstract containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Chicopee fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of June at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order make his return as follows,

Hampden, p. May 10<sup>th</sup> 1855 I served the town Clerk of Chicopee with an attested copy of the petition and order by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

N. Butler, Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make this report in writing as follows.

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the First Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four.

On the petition of Nathaniel Butler and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the petitioners inhabitants, of the town of Chicopee respectfully represent that some alterations are necessary in the road leading from the Williamson Hotel in said Chicopee to the boundary line of said Chicopee, near South Hadley: Whereupon they pray you to make such alterations in location and grade of said road as the public necessities may require and public convenience demand. Chicopee Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1854 N. Butler and others - as by said petition on file will appear.



The Commissioners, during a view of the premises existing, appointed Thursday, the twenty sixth day of October then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Gideon Pendleton in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee - being the town within which such highway was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Chicopee said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty sixth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the April regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of April then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the fifth day of June then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Gideon Pendleton in said Chicopee as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location of the highway and make alteration in the same manner



as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said fifth day of June met and proceeded to locate and make alterations as follows:—

Commencing at a stone monument on the Easterly-side of the Willimanett road on Millers Land then running North four degrees fifteen minutes West, forty eight rods to a stone on land of Miller and the bumpy ground; Then North five degrees forty five minutes West sixty rods and thirteen links to a stone: Then North thirteen degrees thirty minutes West sixteen rods and eight links to a stone: Then North twelve degrees forty five minutes West eighteen rods and four links to a stone Monument on line between Hampton and Hampshire Counties.

The line run, is on the Easterly side of location which embraces all land between the line run and the Connecticut river: exclusive of Ferry road.

In the construction of the above named highway the Commissioners order that the road be constructed twenty feet in width, the hills to be reduced to uniform grade and the centre of the road bed to be crowned to carry the water into the ditches immediately and the ditches of sufficient width to carry all the water that may accumulate whenever there may be a large flowage of water from the hills, and the embankments to be well protected by railing placed on chestnut or white oak posts of good size: All the work to be done in a skilful and workmanlike manner on or before the first day of July 1861. after hearing all persons and corporations interested therein who had a desire to be heard on the question of damages they have made the following assessment, to wit:

To Asa B. Gaylord for 3 rods	Fifty dollars	\$50.00
David C. Co. 4 1/2 rods	Twenty five dollars	25.00
Daniel Rice 10 1/2 rods	Twenty five dollars	25.00
Henry Burnett 9 rods	Twenty dollars	20.00

No other person or corporation appearing to claim damages and in the opinion of the Commissioners no other individual sustains any injury by said Location.

Alfred Homer	}	County
George L. Miller		
Francis Brewer	}	Commissioners



which report being read and considered is accepted  
and the road established as and for a public highway,

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire J. C. Robbins & others  
Your petitioners inhabitants of the Town of Holyoke Pet for a new highway  
would represent that the road leading from Southampton in Holyoke -  
to Holyoke is circuitous and silly that public necessity  
and convenience require that a new Road be laid  
commencing at the Pine stump so called running  
near the House of Stillman Hitchcock and thence running  
a northeasterly course to some point on the Saylor  
road so called Easterly of the Hampshire County line.  
We therefore pray your Honorable Board to view said  
Road and lay as soon as may be, -

J. C. Robbins and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. At which  
meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper gave notice that they will  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house  
of Stillman Hitchcock in Holyoke on Wednesday the  
eighth day of August next. at nine o'clock A. M. -  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that  
a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of  
said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town  
of Holyoke in said County, thirty days, at least, before the  
said eighth day of August and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the  
Holyoke Minor a public newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view.  
And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff  
or Deputy in two public places in the town of  
Holyoke fourteen days before said eighth day of August  
and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all  
persons and corporations interested, that the County  
Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and



proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this <sup>adjourned</sup> meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
Hampden. p. July 6<sup>th</sup> 1855. I served the town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to his clerk in his office and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

N. Butler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five.

On the petition of J. C. Ashbrook, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that — the road leading from Southampton to Holyoke is circuitous and hilly that public necessity and convenience requires that a new road be laid commencing at the Pine stump (so called) running near the house of Stillman Hitchcock, and thence running a northeasterly course to some point on the Taylor road (so called) easterly of the Hampshire County line,

as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the eighth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the fore noon, at the house of Stillman Hitchcock in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Mirror a newspaper published in said



County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said Eighth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, (adjudged the road prayed for of common convenience and necessity, at which meeting) the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, and there being no opposition presented the Commissioners proceeded to locate the road as follows, —

Minute of survey of road in Holyoke on petition of J. B. Hubbs.

Commencing at a Stone Monument on line between Hampshire and Hampden Counties, and also line between Southampton and Holyoke, then running, on the southerly or right hand side of location South forty three and a half degrees East one hundred and six rods opposite a stone on northerly or left hand side of road. The road bed at the westerly end of this course must be constructed northerly of the present road bed and the grade must not exceed the present road bed. Then running on the northerly side of location, South eighty and a half degrees East fifty eight rods to a stone: a uniform grade will be required on this course. — Then running North seventy nine and three quarter degrees East fourteen rods and four links to a stone. Then North eighty six and a quarter degrees East seventeen rods and seventeen links to a stone. The bridge on this course must be robust, two feet in clear between the abutments sixteen feet wide and be elevated six feet in clear from the present bed of the brook, the abutments are to be well founded and strongly built and to be protected by suitable side or wing walls and the grade of the road bed is to be uniform from the top of the planting to the top of the hill westerly and to the end of the course.



Easterly: Then South Eighty three and three quarter degrees  
 East, twenty two rods and eighteen links to a stone: Then  
 South Eighty five and a quarter degrees East thirty seven rods  
 and two links to a stone: The sluice on this course is to be  
 rebuilt of sufficient capacity to allow a free passage for  
 all water accumulating thereat, on the location thus far,  
 the road bed will require a covering of hardening at  
 least six inches thick on the most sandy portions of the  
 road or where ever hardening is required: Then North twenty  
 five and a quarter degrees East seven rods and two links to  
 a stone: Then North fifty four and a half degrees East, nine  
 rods and four links to a stone: A uniform grade will be  
 required on the last two courses: Then North fifty seven  
 and a half degrees East, twenty five rods and seventeen links to  
 a stone: In the marsh on this course a sluice will be  
 required three feet square in the clear to be well founded  
 and thoroughly built of stone: And the road bed raised  
 over the same so that the grade shall be uniform from the  
 sluice to the commencement of this course, and shall in no  
 part thereof exceed four degrees: Then North forty nine degrees  
 East, eight rods to a stone: Grade on this course not to exceed  
 four and a half degrees: Then North sixty two degrees East,  
 eight rods and thirteen links to a stone: Then North thirty and  
 a half degrees East seven rods and twelve links to a stone:  
 The grade on the last two courses is not to exceed five degrees:  
 Then North twenty two degrees East six rods and eight links  
 to a stone: A cut will be required near the center of this  
 course: Then North sixty one and a quarter degrees East,  
 ten rods and nine links to a stone: The grade on the last  
 two courses must not exceed four and a half degrees: Then  
 North sixty four degrees East six rods to a stone: a uniform  
 grade will be required on this course: Then North sixty three  
 degrees East thirteen rods and thirteen links to a stone: a sluice  
 will be required on this course three feet square in the clear  
 and the road bed over the same be raised that the grade  
 shall not exceed three and a half degrees on any part of  
 this course: Then North fifty and a quarter degrees East,  
 ten rods to a stone: Then North sixty one and a half degrees  
 East, nineteen rods to a stone: The road bed on the last  
 two courses must be so constructed that the grade shall be  
 uniform: At the end of the last course, the monuments  
 change from the left to the right or easterly side of the road:



Then North fifty and three quarter degrees East, thirteen rods and eighteen links to a stone: Then North fifty three degrees East, eleven rods and three links to a stone, the grade on the last two courses is not to exceed four and a half degrees: Then North fifty and a half degrees East, eleven rods and twelve links to a stone: Grade on this course is not to exceed three and a half degrees: Then North fifty one and a half degrees East, ten rods and five links to a stone the grade on this course is not to exceed four and a half degrees: Then North fifty three and a half degrees East, eleven rods and seventeen links to a stone the grade on this course must not exceed three and a half degrees: Then North forty nine and a quarter degrees East, twelve rods and ten links to a stone: Then North thirty six and a half degrees East, nine rods and two links to a stone, the grade on the last two courses is not to exceed four and a half degrees: Then North twenty two and a quarter degrees East, ten rods and eighteen links to a stone:

Then North thirty eight and a half degrees East, ten rods and eleven links to a stone monument on the northerly side of Taylor road so called: - The road bed on the last two courses must be constructed so that the grade shall be uniform from the commencement to the junction with Taylor road: At the point of connection with said Taylor road, the road bed or travelled path must be at least forty feet wide and be constructed as to be convenient for travel in either direction on said road. Ditches of sufficient capacity must be constructed at all points not particularly specified where ever necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other, all of which together with the abutments of all bridges and all protection of embankments must be constructed of stone. The highway as described by the foregoing courses and distances is located three rods wide except the last course and distance which is four rods wide: -

In constructing said road the following order must be strictly complied with: The road bed must be eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. And the Centre of the road so much raised that the water will easily pass from the centre to the ditches: - all trees, and fences, or other obstructions to the



Construction of the road must be removed by the tenth day of October next, and the road made and completed in a thorough and skilful manner by the first day of June 1856 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners after hearing all persons interested be award the following damages, viz—

To James Banks	Five dollars	\$5.00
"Hamon Banks	one hundred and fifteen dollars	115.00
"Stillman S. Hitchcock	one hundred & twenty five dollars	125.00
"Wm. Solomon Chapman	Twenty dollars	20.00
"Lester Truinger	Twenty dollars	20.00
"Lyman Goodyear	Fifteen dollars	15.00
"Moses Thorpe	Forty dollars	40.00

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Francis Brewer }

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

The votes for County Treasurer of the County of Hampton having been counted it appears that the whole number of votes is one thousand eight hundred and two necessary to a choice nine hundred and one. William Rice has one thousand six hundred and sixty five and is declared by the County Commissioners chosen, and the said William Rice now appears and is sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties and gives bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners

R. B. W. English is appointed Physician and Surgeon to attend persons confined in the jail and the house of correction for the year ensuing from the first day of July A.D. 1855 for the sum of fifty dollars a year the said English to furnish medicine &c

The following persons were licensed as wine holders without authority to sell intoxicating liquors

Holter Olmstead	Massachusetts House	Palmer
Engelke Adams	Samuel House	Holyoke



E. M. Weston is licensed as a common victualler at Holyoke

land accounts against the county being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of one thousand four hundred and forty five dollars and twenty one cents, and are ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury (\$1445.21)

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names in full for damages to land taken for highway and the same are ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury amounting to one thousand seven hundred and forty two dollars. —

Timothy Linnell	Petition of Rodney Davis & Co	\$150. 00
J. Morgan & others	" "	180. 00
John Ward	" "	15. 00
Owen W. Brown	" " " " " " " "	50. 00
Uriah J. Marcy	" " " " " " " "	50. 00
John W. Smith	" " " " " " " "	100. 00
Marion Bradley	" " " " " " " "	16. 00
William L. Dickinson	" " " " " " " "	167. 00
Sharon Bradley	" " " " " " " "	34. 00
Lynnon H. Nye	" " " " " " " "	110. 00
Joseph C. Healy	" " " " " " " "	10. 00
John C. Bawell	" " " " " " " "	5. 00
Thomas Bulant	" " " " " " " "	60. 00
Bennie Warty	" " " " " " " "	20. 00
Edwin H. Ball	" " " " " " " "	225. 00
James & Company	" " " " " " " "	400. 00
William Chapin	" " " " " " " "	190. 00
		<u>\$1762. 00</u>

Held at Holyoke Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1855. Judgment is entered up according to reports de and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and the meeting is adjourned without day. —

Attest Geo. J. Munnis Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the second day of the month and from day to day to the fourth day of the month and by adjournment on the seventh day of November to the eighth day of November and by adjournment on the fourth day of December to the fifth day of said December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Present, Abner Homer, Esq.  
George C. Gibbs } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden C. Laflin and Pte.  
Humbly shew the subscribers Citizens of Westfield for Alter of H. way  
that there is a county road leading from the top of in Westfield  
the Ponders hollow hill in said Westfield South  
Easterly to the house of Amos Bowker in Westfield  
in said County that the same has become impassable  
by the construction of the Hampshire and Hampden  
Rail Road and they pray that your honorable  
body will make such alterations as the com-  
mon convenience and necessity shall require -  
Westfield Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1854

C. Laflin & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.  
at which meeting the Commissioners during a  
view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice  
that they will meet for the purpose of said view at  
the dwelling house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield  
on Friday the seventeenth day of November next  
at nine o'clock, A.M., and it was ordered by the  
County Commissioners that a copy of said petition



be served by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy upon the clerk of the town of Westfield in said county thirty days at least before the said 17<sup>th</sup> day of November and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before said 17<sup>th</sup> day of November and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden Co. October 14<sup>th</sup> 1852 I have made service of this process by delivering to the Town Clerk of Westfield a true copy of this petition and order of the County Commissioners thereon, and at the same time posting up in two public places in Westfield copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

And now said Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs.

Monroe Bates & Co.  
for atty & sol<sup>r</sup> of H. Way  
in West Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned, inhabitants of West Springfield respectfully represent, that the public highway from the house of Daniel D. Warriner in Agawam parish in West Springfield, passing the house of C. Woodworth, Mr. Bates and others, to the house of Henry Burke, in West Springfield, is narrow, crooked, indirect and inconvenient, wherefore your petitioners request your honorable Board to view



the premises, and widen, straighten, or new locate said road, and discontinue such parts of the highway as may be useless; or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honors necessary. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Monroe Bates & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now the County Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs. —

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Newben Brooks & al.  
Your petitioners inhabitants of West Springfield would set for alter of it way  
represent that the highway leading over the hill from in West Springfield  
the corner nearly opposite the dwelling house of  
Jared White to the house of Caleb Bliss need altera-  
tions and the hill reduced. We therefore pray your  
Honorable board to view said highway and  
make such alterations and reductions as you may  
deem expedient.

West Springfield Dec<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1854

Reuben Brooks and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Ira Bartholomew in West Springfield on Tuesday the nineteenth day of June next, at ten o'clock,



A. M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County thirty days at least, before the said nineteenth day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before the said nineteenth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year A.D. 1855 - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
 Hampden, p. May 14<sup>th</sup> 1855 I served the town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract - containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

N. Butler Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five - on the petition of Reuben Brooks and others then presented



to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the highway leading over the hill from the corner nearly opposite the dwelling house of Jared White to the house of Caleb Bliss needs alterations and the hill reduced: we therefore pray your honorable board to view said highway and make such alterations and reductions as you may deem expedient;—

West Springfield Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1854

Reuben Brooks & others

as by said petition on file will appear—

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the nineteenth day of June then next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Hiram Bartholomew in West-Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West-Springfield being the town within which such highway was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.—

And on the said nineteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Com-



Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Alfred Homer }  
George C. Gibbs } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road or alterations prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity, at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet, at the dwelling-house of H. Bartholomew in West Springfield on Friday the twenty fourth day of August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fourth day of July. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstract containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least before the said 24<sup>th</sup> day of August at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinions may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -

Hampton, N. H. July 31<sup>st</sup> 1855 I served the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition



and order by giving the same to him and also  
posted up in two public places in said town an  
abstract containing the substance of said petition  
more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

Attest, Sheriff—

and now the Commissioners make their report  
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said  
County, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of April in the year of  
our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five. —  
On the petition of Reuben Brooks and others then  
presented to said Commissioners, representing and  
setting forth that the inhabitants of West Springfield  
would represent that the highway leading over the  
hill from the corner nearly opposite the dwelling  
house of Jared White to the house of Caleb Bliss  
and alterations and the hill reduced we therefore  
pray your honorable board would view said  
highway and make such alterations and reductions  
as you may deem expedient —  
West Springfield, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Reuben Brooks and others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient appointed Tuesday, the nineteenth day of  
June then next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the  
house of Hiram Bartholomew innholder in West Springfield  
as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused  
a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of  
the town of West Springfield, being the town within  
which such highway was prayed for, thirty days at  
least before the time appointed for said view; and also  
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance  
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town;  
and also gave notice to all persons interested by  
causing a copy of said petition to be published  
from week to week successively in the Springfield Republican,  
a newspaper published in said County, said posting



and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted — and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the twenty fourth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Hiram Bartholomew in said town as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to view and make said alterations and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fourth day of August met and proceeded to locate said alterations and reduction of the hill in the following manner.

Commencing at a stone monument on the southerly side of the County road near Dennis Lyons dwelling house then running south, thirty two and three quarter degrees East, two rods and thirteen links to a stone, then south twenty one and three quarter degrees East two rods and fifteen links to a stone: then south two degrees East five rods to a stone: then south nine and a half degrees East nine rods and twenty four links to a stone: on this course an aqueduct or bridge will be required of a



diameter not less than three feet in the clear from the inner surface and to be of sufficient length for the base of the road bed, which is to have a surface width equal to the present road bed over the same: said structure to be well and substantially built, and to be placed where the present water course crosses the highway: Then South four degrees West, seventeen rods and twenty links to a stone: The line run thus far are on the westerly side of the highway which is four rods to this point: Then South fifteen and a quarter degrees East, ten rods and three links to a stone: Then South seventeen degrees East, thirteen rods and eleven links to a stone: Then South twelve degrees West, thirty one rods and eighteen links to a stone: Then South twelve and three quarter degrees West, twelve rods and eleven links to a stone: Then South five and three quarter degrees West, twelve rods to a stone monument on the easterly side of the aforesaid County road: The line run on the last five courses are on the easterly side of the location which is six rods wide except the last course which is six rods wide at the commencement, and retaining its present width at the terminus with straight side lines, the last course being more than six rods in width at the terminus, -

The following directions are given for working the aforesaid highway, to wit, upon the top of the hill westerly and centrally of the Church a cut of three feet will be required, and the bed of the road so constructed as to have a level surface four rods in length in front of the church and one and half rods in width on each side of the road bed: From the northerly end of said level surface to the commencement of the location the road bed must be constructed so that the grade of the road shall be uniform, from the southerly end of said level surface to the end of the location the road bed must be so constructed so that the grade of the same shall not in any part thereof exceed four degrees: -



The road connecting with this location in the front of the Church is to be constructed so that the travelled path shall be convenient for the public travel in either direction at the point of connection with this location. The road bed is to be twenty two feet in width and to be made sufficiently crowning to pass the water into the ditches immediately, at what ever point railing shall be wanted good Chestnut poles at least four inches in diameter at the small end placed upon Chestnut or white oak posts elevated two feet and a half from the ground, and if at any point the road bed shall need hardening it must be covered six inches in depth with either clay or gravel or some other hardening substance and completed in a thorough and workmanlike manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September of the coming year 1856. The owners of land over which such location is made are allowed until the first day of December next to remove wood timber, Fruit trees and fences therefrom. —

Having made said location and heard all persons interested therein upon the subject of damages, we have proceeded to assess the same as follows, viz

To Doct <sup>r</sup> Reuben Champion	Thirty eight dollars	\$38.00
Mariah Champion	Eight dollars	8.00
Bennie Lyon	Twenty five dollars	25.00

Alfred Homer )  
George C Gibbs ) County  
Francis Brewer ) Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway. —

Deputy of Chicopee for  
for select<sup>d</sup> line of Springfield  
in Chicopee

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The undersigned the Board of Selectmen for the town  
of Chicopee, respectfully represents that there are no  
known bounds upon a portion of the highway leading  
from the bridge over Chicopee River towards Springfield  
and called Springfield street, and that it is the opinion



of the undersigned that encroachments are being made upon said street which are opposed to the public interest and convenience. They therefore pray that said street may be widened by your honorable board and the bounds thereof established from near the house of the widow Jon<sup>a</sup>. Pease thence southerly to the intersection of Grape Street.

Chicopee March 11<sup>th</sup> 1855

Nath<sup>l</sup>. Butler & others } selectmen  
of Chicopee

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the Cabot House in Chicopee on Thursday the seventeenth day of May next, at nine o'clock, A.M., and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chicopee in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said seventeenth day of May, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Weekly Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chicopee fourteen days before said 17<sup>th</sup> day of May and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises



expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued, to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden, ss. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

I served the town clerk of Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition and order, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

N. Butler, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five on the petition of Nath<sup>l</sup> Butler and others Selectmen of Chicopee, thus presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that there are no known bounds upon a portion of the highway leading from the Bridge over the Chicopee River towards Springfield and called Springfield Street and that it is the opinion of the undersigned that encroachments are being made upon said street which are opposed to the public interest and convenience. They therefore pray that said street may be viewed by your Honorable board and the bounds thereof established, from near the House of the Widow Jon<sup>as</sup> Pease, thence southerly to the intersection of Grape Street.

Chicopee March 16<sup>th</sup> 1855

Nath<sup>l</sup> Butler and other Selectmen of Chicopee

As by said petition on file will appear.



The Commissioners, during a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed Thursday the seventeenth day  
of May then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon,  
at the Babes House in Chicopee as the time and  
place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy  
of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of  
the Town of Chicopee being the town within which  
such bounds of the highway are prayed for,  
thirty days at least before the time appointed for  
said view; and also caused abstracts of said  
petition, containing the substance thereof, to be  
posted in two public places in Chicopee, said town;  
and also gave notice to all persons interested  
by causing a copy of said petition to be  
published three weeks successively in the Weekly  
Journal a newspaper published in said  
County, said posting and the last publication  
of said copy having been fourteen days at  
least before the time appointed for said view;  
and before said view was had, said Commissioners  
gave notice in like manner as described in  
the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons  
interested, of the time and place for commencing  
said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of May  
the Commissioners met at the time and place  
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,  
and having viewed the same the Commissioners  
then determined to hear the parties at the same time  
of said view; and having heard the parties, said  
Commissioners then proceeded to consider and  
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and  
after considering the same, said Commissioners did  
then and there adjudge that common convenience  
and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners  
be granted. Francis Brewer one of the Commissioners  
being unable to attend due notice was given Daniel G.  
White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared  
and acted in his stead.

Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner



which report being read and considered was accepted and the road as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity, at which meeting the commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the School House in Chicopee on Thursday the thirtieth day of August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Weekly Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of August. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Chicopee fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of August at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows.

Hampden, p. July 24<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the town Clerk of Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places of said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

T. Butler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of



our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five -  
on the petition of Nathaniel Butler and other selectmen  
of Chicopee then presented to said Commissioners, repre-  
senting and setting forth that there are no known  
bounds upon a portion of the highway leading from  
the Bridge over the Chicopee River towards Springfield  
and called Springfield street, and that it is the  
opinion of the undersigned that encroachments are  
being made upon said street which are opposed  
to the public interest and convenience. They therefore  
pray that said street may be viewed by your  
Honorable board and the bounds thereof established,  
from near the House of Widow Jonathan Pease thence  
southerly to the intersection of Grape street,  
Chicopee March 16<sup>th</sup> 1855

Nath<sup>l</sup> Butler & others } selectmen of  
  } Chicopee

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed Thursday, the seventeenth day  
of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon,  
at the Cabot House in Chicopee as the time and place  
for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of  
said petition to be served upon the clerk of the  
town of Chicopee being the town within which  
such bounds of Highway as are prayed for thirty  
days at least before the time appointed for said view;  
and also caused abstracts of said petition containing  
the substance thereof, to be posted in two public  
places in said town; and also gave notice to all  
persons interested by causing a copy of said  
petition to be published three weeks successively in  
the Weekly Journal a newspaper published in said  
County, said posting and the last publication of  
said copy having been fourteen days at least before  
the time appointed for said view; and before  
said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice  
in like manner as described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition, to all persons interested of the time  
and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of May - the -



Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience required that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the Thirtieth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Babes House in said Chicopee as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate such highway and bounds and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating such highway and bounds in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said Thirtieth day of August met and proceeded to locate such highway and bounds as follows—

Commencing at the center of a stone set beneath the surface of the ground at a point thirty four feet from the North easterly corner of Jas. L. Lyons stone in range of the Northerly side; said stone also bears from the North westerly corner of Widow Jonathan Pease's lot: South sixty five and a half degrees West twenty five feet. Thence running as the magnetic needle now points, South twenty six degrees and thirty five minutes East twenty five rods and fifteen links to the center of a stone beneath the surface in range of the Northerly side of Howard Street. Thence South twenty six degrees East eighteen rods and fourteen links to the center of a stone beneath the surface in range of Northerly side of Pleasant St. Thence South twenty four degrees East



section runs to the center of a stone beneath the surface which bears from a Spruce tree standing in the south easterly corner of J & W. Hitchcock's lot: - North twenty four and a half degrees, East forty four feet. The line run on this location are center lines and the width of the Highway is as follows. viz. at the commencement of the first course the width is fifty feet, at the end of said course is fifty six feet: from thence to the end of the location is fifty six feet: - The monuments are in the center of the Highway and the side lines are straight -

The whole length of line run is fifty rods and four links. -

No person or corporation appeared before the Commissioners to claim damages occasioned by said location and none are sustained in the judgment of said Commissioners

Alfred Homer } County  
George B. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Francis Brewer }

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The subscribers inhabitants of the town of Willbraham  
would represent that we having petitioned the  
Selectmen of this town to lay a town way from near  
the house of Abner C. Burleigh westerly over land of  
said Burleigh and Merrick Foster, to the road  
leading by said Foster's house, also from the  
school house in district No 3, to the stoney hill  
road so called and they having laid the same,  
but the Town at a meeting held on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst,  
unreasonably refused to accept the same, we  
therefore respectfully petition your Hon. board  
to view the premises and take such action  
as the Public good requires also that the road  
leading from said Burleigh to South Willbraham  
was never laid and is unreasonably hilly and  
and crooked. we therefore request you to view  
the same and lay the road with such  
alterations as the Public good requires -

Porter Cross & others Pet  
for town way & new H way  
in Willbraham



Wilbraham April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855. Porter Cross and others  
 The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
 of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
 on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five  
 at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view  
 of the premises expediting and proper, gave notice that  
 they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the  
 dwelling house of Porter Cross in Wilbraham on Tuesday  
 the twelfth day of June next, at nine o'clock A.M.  
 and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that  
 a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said  
 County or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of  
 Wilbraham in said County, thirty days, at least, before  
 the said twelfth day of June and that all other persons  
 and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing  
 a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the  
 Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed  
 in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication  
 to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view.  
 And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
 copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
 thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or  
 deputy, in two public places in the town of Wilbraham  
 fourteen days before said twelfth day of June and  
 that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons  
 and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners  
 deem a view of the premises expediting and proper, and  
 that a view of the same will be taken by them at the  
 time and place aforesaid. -

And this petition was continued from meeting to  
 meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said  
 County made his return as follows -

Hampden sp. May 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the town Clerk  
 of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition  
 and order by giving the same to him and also  
 posted up in two public places in said town an  
 abstract containing the substance of said petition  
 more than 14 days before the time of said meeting  
 N. Cutler, Sheriff



and now said Commissioners order this petition  
to be dismissed without costs.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Pliny Merrick &c  
The undersigned Citizens of Willbraham, Springfield &c for alter of Hwy  
and Monson respectfully represent, that the road in Willbraham, Spring  
leading from Penton hollow, so called, in Springfield, field + Monson  
by Brewers Corner so called and Pelias, Stone in  
Willbraham, to Dalton Hollow, so called in Monson  
is circuitous and hilly. They therefore respectfully  
request, that you will view said road and  
make such alterations therein or lay a new  
road or order such specific repairs in the  
old road as public convenience and necessity  
requires, and in particular they request that  
you will make an alteration or lay a new  
road commencing near the house of Bradman  
J. Brewer and thence southerly to the old mountain  
road so called, near the small house of Pliny  
Merrick, on the old road near the brook  
March 1855 Pliny Merrick & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the second Tuesday of April in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty five. At which meeting the Commissioners  
dunning a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, give notice that they will meet for the  
purpose of said view, at the Post Office in North  
Willbraham on Wednesday the thirtieth day of  
June next, at nine o'clock, A.M. and it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that a  
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of  
the towns of Willbraham and Monson, and of the  
City of Springfield in said County, thirty days,  
at least, before the said thirtieth day of June  
and that all other persons and corporations  
interested therein be notified, by publishing a  
copy of said petition and this order thereon,  
in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper



printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Wilbraham and Monson and the city of Springfield fourteen days before said thirteenth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expediting and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. —

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five — and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden, ss. May 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the town clerk of Wilbraham and Monson also of the City of Springfield each of them with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to them and also posted up in public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

N. Butler Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

at a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five. On the petition of Pliny Mernick and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from Benton Hollow — so called in Springfield by Brewers



corner so called and Bliss stone in Wilbraham to  
Cotton Hollow so called in Monson is circuitous and  
bully they therefore respectfully request that you  
will view said road and make such alteration  
therein or lay a new road or order such specific  
repairs in the old road as public convenience and  
necessity require and in particular they request  
that you will make an alteration or lay a new  
road commencing near the House of Prainard, J.  
Prewer and thence southerly to the old mountain  
road so called near the small house of Phiny  
Merrick on the old road near the brook -

March 1855

Phiny Merrick and others  
as by said petition on file will appear.  
The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed, Wednesday, the thirteenth  
day of June then next and nine o'clock in the  
forenoon, at the Post Office in North Wilbraham  
as the time and place for viewing the premises;  
and caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the clerks of the towns of Wilbraham and  
Monson and the City of Springfield, being the  
towns within which such alterations prayed for,  
thirty days at least before the time appointed  
for said view; and also caused abstracts of said  
petition, containing the substance thereof, to be  
posted in two public places in said towns;  
and also gave notice to all persons interested  
by causing a copy of said petition to be published  
three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican  
a newspaper published in said County, said  
posting and the last publication of said copy  
having been fourteen days at least before the  
time appointed for said view; and before  
said view was had, said Commissioners  
gave notice in like manner as described in the  
foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons  
interested, of the time and place for commencing  
said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of June the  
Commissioners met at the time and place



appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part -

Francis Brewer being unable to attend due notice was given by the other members of the board to Robert E. Bemis one of the special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead -

Alfred Homer } County  
George B. Gibbs } Commissioners  
R. E. Bemis } Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged of common convenience and necessity -

and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty five. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Store of Luther R. Bliss in Willbraham on Thursday the fifteenth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of November -

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the clerks of the towns of Monson & Willbraham and of the City of Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Monson & Willbraham and the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth



day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road, and this petition was continued to this meeting and by adjournment on the fourth day of December A.D. 1855, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows  
Hampden, ss. October 13<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the town clerks of Monson and Wilbraham and the City Clerk of Springfield each with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to them and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns and City an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

R. Butler, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five - on the petition of Ching Merrick and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from Benton Hollow so called in Springfield by Brewers Corner so called and Bliss Stone in Wilbraham to Cotton Hollow in Monson is circuitous and hilly they therefore respectfully request that you will view said road and make such alterations therein or lay a new road or order such specific repairs in the old road as public convenience and necessity require - And in particular they request that you will make an alteration or lay a new road commencing near the House of Orinard J. Brewer and



thence southerly to the old mountain road so called, near the small house of Pliny Merrick on the old road near the Brook.

March 1855

Pliny Merrick and others as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the thirteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Post Office in North Wilbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the towns of Wilbraham and Monson, and the City of Springfield being the towns within which such alteration prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon,



at the stone of Luther B. Bliss in said Wilbraham as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said Highway and make alterations and repairs and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all persons interested in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding, to arise (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said fifteenth day of November the Commissioners met and proceeded to locate order and establish as follows. —

Upon that part of the highway lying in the town of Mondak the following specific repairs are ordered, to wit: The hill westerly of a leaning chestnut tree marked H standing on the southerly side of the road on or near Wynne Day land is ordered to be constructed or repaired by cuts and fills that the grade of the road bed shall be uniform from a point one hundred feet westerly from said chestnut tree, to a point six hundred and twenty five feet westerly of the commencement of said grade and not exceeding six and three fourth degrees: the road bed when completed must be not less than eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches or substantial railing will be here required, the rails to be not less than four inches in diameter at the small end and well secured upon posts or stones not less than two and a half feet high. —

The following location is made and repairs ordered upon that part of the highway lying in the town of Wilbraham — Viz: The location commences at a stone monument on the northerly side of the old County road on or near land of Philip Merrick, then running North thirty four and a half degrees West seventeen rods and twenty one links to a stone a sluice will be required on this course three by four feet square in the clear and of sufficient length to conform to the width of the road bed said sluice to be constructed of stone, the walls

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to be at least two feet thick and to be well founded, the covering stone to be of sufficient length to rest at least nine inches upon the abutments walls; and to be not less than six inches in thickness. Then North twelve and a quarter degrees. West forty four rods to a stone monument on the northerly side of the present county road: a bridge will be required on this course four feet wide and five feet high in the clear, and to be so constructed as to allow the passage of cattle as well as water. The abutments of said bridge are to be constructed of stone of suitable size and form and to be not less than three feet thick at the bottom and two and a half at the top the walls to be well founded and skillfully built. The string pieces must rest upon sills laid on the tops of the abutments, all of which are to be of chestnut timber, and of suitable size. The plank are also to be of chestnut, three inches thick, and eighteen feet long, which is to be the length of said bridge: sluices of sufficient capacity to receive all accumulating water will be required at the points of connection with the old road and also at all other points on the highway where it shall be necessary to convey water from one side of the road bed to the other, all of which are to be constructed of stone: all large stone are to be removed from the bed of the road which when completed is not to be less than eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditch and the grade of the same must be as near uniform as the nature of the surface will allow and so made on either side of the bridge that the same shall not be much increased from the center of the bridge in either direction and the grade on this location must in no part thereof exceed eight and three quarter degrees the lines run are on the Easterly or right hand side of the highway, which is located three rods wide - all that part of the old county road from the commencement of this location Easterly, to the present junction with the county road is ordered to be put in a thorough state of repair. —



The Hill opposite the dwelling House of Calvin Brewer is to be cut and filled at the bottom, so that the grade shall be uniform, from a marked railing post, on the southerly side of the road westerly of the sluice to a point, two hundred & fifty feet westerly of said post. -

Pole Brook Hill is to be cut one foot, at a point opposite a stake marked on the southerly side of the road near the apex and the grade is to be made uniform from the bottom of said cut, to the bottom of the hill in either direction: and the bed of the road will require a covering of hardening where the same is necessary eight inches thick.

Andrew Brewer Hill must be repaired so that grade shall be uniform from a point opposite the North Easterly corner of Lyman Warnor's Barn, in range of the Easterly end to a Butternut tree on the northerly side of the road Easterly of Andrew Brewers House, The hill westerly of Andrew Brewers house near to the turn of the road to the southerly, is to be made uniform from an oak tree marked on the westerly side of the road to a marked white birch tree, on the same side near the bottom of the Hill -

The Hill North easterly of J M Lyman's dwelling house is to be made uniform from a rock marked on the westerly side of the track to the North easterly side of bar way on the Easterly side of the road near the bottom of the hill - a substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway, where the safety of the public travel may require, all materials are to be well adapted to the purposes to which they are to be applied and all the work is to be done in a thorough and workman-like manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next.

The owners of land adjoining that part of the highway westerly of Andrew Brewer -



Swelling House or between the same and Springfield and Wilbraham towns lines are required to move their fences, which stand upon said highway, on to the line of the highway. The present travelled road east of Brainard's Brewen from the new location to the top of the Hill, is to be discontinued from and after the completion of the new lay.

Having made the location and ordered the repairs and alterations aforesaid, and heard all persons interested upon the question of damage occasioned thereby, who desired to be heard - the Commissioners proceeded to assess the same as follows.

To Philip Merrick One Hundred dollars \$100.00

No other person claiming any damage and in the judgment of the Commissioners no one sustaining any they award none -

Francis Brewer one of the Commissioners being unable to attend, due notice was given to R. E. Bemis one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead, -

Alfred Horner, County  
George C. Gibbs, } Commissioners  
R. E. Bemis } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

Rufus Gould Pet  
for a Jury

To the Hon the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden - Rufus Gould of Westfield in said County respectfully represents that he is aggrieved by the doing of the Commissioners in the location of a highway on the petition of David R. Perry and others and in the assessment of his damage occasioned thereby. He therefore prays that may have a jury to determine the matter of his complaint, unless the parties adversely interested shall agree upon a Committee for that purpose.

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Rufus Gould

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the



second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

at which meeting the following persons were agreed upon to hear and determine the matters of complaint set forth in said petition, viz Aaron Bagg, Hinesdale Smith, and Nelson D. Parks, And warrants issued

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now the <sup>Commissioners</sup> ~~said Committee~~ received the following (and certificate) ~~made their~~ reports in writing as follows -

"Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the subscribers having first given due notice to Rufus Gould and Alfred Homer Bag as within directed and having been duly sworn as appears by the foregoing certificate, met the parties at the house of George E. Noble in Westfield in said County on the first day of June in the year eighteen hundred and fifty five and again by adjournment on the ninth day of the same month and having heard the parties and their respective proofs and allegations and having examined the highway as located by the County Commissioners of said County of Hampden and the lands over which the same is laid and having fully considered the same do hereby adjudicate and determine that an alteration of said highway is necessary and proper described as follows - viz Commencing at a stone monument on the western side of the South West corner of the dwelling house of Rufus Gould as the commencement of the original location then running South thirty eight degrees East thirteen rods and sixteen links - then South forty six degrees East eleven rods then South sixty seven degrees East twenty four rods and twenty two links to a stone monument on the North side of the new road as laid by the County Commissioners - the entire road as altered being upon land of said Rufus - The width of the road as altered is to be the same as that determined by the Commissioners. viz three rods and the line run is on the Northerly side of the road as located by the Committee - we have also assessed the damage sustained by the said



Refuse occasioned by the location of said highway  
and alteration at one hundred and fifty dollars -  
all of which is respectfully submitted

Aaron Bagg  
Hinsdale Smith } Committee  
Nelson D. Parks }

Hampden Co

Court of Common Pleas

June Term 1855

Rufus Gould, vs for a jury

" Ordered that the report of the Committee in the  
foregoing case be accepted and recorded and that  
the same be certified to the County Commissioners  
Hampden Co. Ct.

June Term 1855

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the  
report of the Committee and of the order of the Court  
thereon

Geo. B. Morris

Clerk of C. Ct.

And now at this meeting of said Commissioners it is  
ordered - that said report and adjudication be recorded

Israel Knox & al  
Pet for alter of h ways  
in Chester

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned citizens of Chester and Blandford respect-  
fully represent that the Cross Road leading from  
Blandford to Chester Factory is hilly and rough  
at the North end, that public convenience requires,  
an alteration be made in said road commencing  
at the top of Smith Hill so called in Chester thence  
running in a North East direction until it intercept  
the road leading from Chester Factory to Huntington  
near the dwelling house of E. G. Wilcox in said Chester,  
we therefore respectfully petition your Hon. board  
to view the premises and take such action as the  
public good requires - )

Chester May 1855. Israel H. Knox and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five: at  
which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the



premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling  
house of Joseph Sayell in Chester on Friday the thirty  
first day of August next, at nine o'clock, A.M.:  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a  
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said  
county or his deputy, upon the clerk of the town of  
Chester in said county, thirty days, at least, before  
the said thirty first day of August and that all  
other persons and corporations interested therein be  
notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order therein, in the Independent American a public  
newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said view. And it was further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or  
abstracts containing the substance thereof and this  
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in  
two public places in the town of Chester fourteen  
days before said thirty first day of August and that  
notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons  
and corporations interested, that the County Commis-  
sioners deem a view of the premises expedient  
and proper, and that a view of the same  
will be taken by them at the time and place  
aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said county  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five  
and by adjournment on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September  
A.D. 1855. and the Sheriff of said county made  
his return as follows.

Hampden, sp. July 21<sup>st</sup> 1855

I served the within precept by delivering in  
hand to John B. Elder the town clerk of the within  
named town of Chester a true and attested copy  
and also posted up at the store of W<sup>m</sup> Shepard  
and J<sup>r</sup> & A. C. Root in said Chester an abstract  
containing the substance of said precept for the  
purpose within mentioned.

Charles W. Knowlton, Sheriff



At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, &c.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five —

On the petition of Israel G. Knorr and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the East Road leading from Blanford to Chester factories is hilly and rough at the North end, that Public Convenience requires an alteration be made in said road commencing at the top of Smith's Hill, so called in Chester, thence running in a North East direction until it intercepts the road leading from Chester factories to Huntington near the dwelling house of C. S. Wilcox in said Chester. We therefore respectfully petition your Hon. board to view the premises and take such action as the public good requires.

Chester May 1855

As by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the thirty first day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Joseph Lazzelle in Chester as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such alteration of road prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent American a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view



was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirty first day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there - adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Alfred Homer }  
George C. Gibbs } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity - at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Elbridge G. Wilcox in Chester on Tuesday the sixteenth day of October next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of October. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Chester with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstract containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Chester fourteen days at least, before the said sixteenth day of October at



which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damage as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. September 15<sup>th</sup> 1855

Pursuant to the within order I have notified all persons and corporations interested therein by delivering to John B. Elder Town Clerk of the within named town of Chester a true and attested copy of this petition and order thereon and on the twenty eighth day of said September posted up abstracts of this petition and order at the Post Office at Chester factories and at the store of William Shepard in said Chester for the purpose within mentioned

Charles W. Knox

S. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five - on the petition of David S. Knox and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the East Road leading from Blandford to Chester factories is hilly and rough at the north end; that public convenience requires an alteration be made in said road commencing at the top of Smiths Hill so called in Chester thence running in a North East direction until it intercepts the road leading from Chester factories to Huntington near the dwelling house of E. S. Wilson in said Chester - we therefore respectfully petition your Hon board to view the premises and take such



action as the public good requires

Cohasset May 1855

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the thirty first day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Joseph Lutzelle in Cohasset as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Cohasset being the town within which such alteration of road prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent American a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioner gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirty first day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of September then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said —



Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the sixteenth day of October then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Colbridge S. Wilcox in said Chester as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said highway in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said sixteenth day of October met and proceeded to locate as follows—Commencing at a stone monument on the westerly side of the old Springfield and Albany turnpike road; then running South twenty two and a half degrees West, ten rods and five links to a stone, then South eleven and a half degrees West, fourteen rods and twenty links to a stone; then South one and three quarter degrees West nine rods to a stone, then South twenty eight and a half degrees West, six rods and eight links to a stone monument on the northerly side of an old road. The lines run on the above highway are on the westerly or right hand side and the width of the same is as follows, viz The first course is six rods wide at the commencement and three at the end with straight side lines and the remainder of the highway is three rods wide. The following directions are given for the construction of the aforesaid highway, viz Two sluices will be required on the first course on either side of the Rail Road at a proper distance from the track not less than eighteen inches square in the clear and twenty four feet long, a sluice will also be required on the last course near the point of connection with the old road. Sluices



will also be required at all other points in the highway where it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other, all of which are to be constructed of stone of suitable size and form, which are to be well and skillfully laid. The road bed is to be well thrown up and all large stones are to be removed therefrom and when completed to be not less than eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches and the grade of the same will be required as follows, viz From the sluice on the Easterly side of the rail road track to the point of connection with the old road a uniform grade will be required. From the sluice on the Westerly side of the rail road track to a point twelve rods from the same a uniform grade will be required: from thence to the end of the location the grade must be as nearly uniform as the nature of the surface will allow and in no part thereof to exceed a grade of five degrees. The road bed must be constructed of sufficient width to be convenient for travel in either direction at the point of connection with the old Albany Turnpike a substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway where the same shall appear to be necessary. All materials used in the construction of the aforesaid highway are to be well adapted to the purposes to which they are applied and all the work is to be done in a thorough, skillful and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July 1856 —

After hearing all persons and corporations interested therein who had a desire to be heard on the question of damages they have made the following assessment viz

To Ellbridge & Wilcox 25 rods 22 links = 7740 square rods	
One Hundred dollars	\$100.00
To Ellbridge & Wilcox Guardian For Thomas	
Jacks 9 rods = 27 Sqr rods Ten dollars	\$10.00



No other person or corporation appearing to claim damages and in the opinion of the Commissioners no other individual sustains any injury by said location.

Alfred Homer }  
George C. Gilbe } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway.

M. J. Whitney & Co.  
Pet for a H. Way in  
Southwick —

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
The subscribers, inhabitants of Southwick and Westfield respectfully represent — that the public convenience and travel demand that a highway should be laid from the termination of the highway leading from Westfield to Loomis St., commencing near the house of Aaron Nelson at the town line between Southwick and Westfield, and running to said Loomis St. on or near the old location. Your petitioners therefore request your honorable body to view the premises and locate said highway and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray —

Southwick June 19<sup>th</sup> 1855. M. J. Whitney and others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Aaron Nelson in Westfield on Tuesday the seventh day of August next, at nine o'clock, A. M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said seventh day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Westfield News-Letter, a



public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Southwick fourteen days before said seventh day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And the petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five - and by adjournment on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1855. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1855  
On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July current I served an attested copy of the within petition and order thereon upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick and also on the same 5<sup>th</sup> day of July posted up true copies of said petition and order at Hayden Hotel and J. M. Forwards Store being two public places in said town of Southwick and I have caused this petition and order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter, the last publication being on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July inst.  
Fred. <sup>W.</sup> Bush, D. Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their reports in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five and continued by adjournment unto



the fourteenth day of August -  
 on the petition of M. J. Whitney and others there  
 presented to said Commissioners, representing and  
 setting forth that the public convenience and travel  
 demands that a highway should be laid from the  
 termination of the highway leading from Westfield  
 to Loomis St commencing near the house of Aaron  
 Nelson at the town line between Southwick and  
 Westfield and running to said Loomis St on or near  
 the old location. Your petitioners therefore request  
 your honorable body to view the premises and locate  
 said highway and your petitioners as in duty  
 bound will ever pray -

Southwick June 19<sup>th</sup> 1855 Mr. J. Whitney, and others  
 as by said petition on file will appear.  
 The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises  
 expedient, appointed Tuesday, the seventh day of  
 August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon,  
 at the house of Aaron Nelson in Westfield as the  
 time and place for viewing the premises; and caused  
 a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk  
 of the town of Southwick, being the town within  
 which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at  
 least before the time appointed for said view;  
 and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing  
 the substance thereof, to be posted in two public  
 places in said town; and also gave notice to all  
 persons interested by causing a copy of said petition  
 to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield  
 News Letter a newspaper published in said County,  
 said posting and the last publication of said copy  
 having been fourteen days at least before the time  
 appointed for said view; and before said view was  
 had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner  
 as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all  
 persons interested, of the time and place for commencing  
 said view,

And on the said seventh day of August the Commis-  
 sioners met at the time and place appointed,  
 and proceeded to view the premises, and having  
 viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined



to hear the parties at the same time of said writ;  
and having heard the parties, said Commissioners  
then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the  
prayer of said petition; and after considering the  
same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge  
that common convenience and necessity require—  
that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1855

Alfred Homer,  
George C. Gibbs, County  
Francis Brewer, Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was  
accepted and the road prayed for, adjudged  
of Common convenience and necessity.—

As which meeting the Commissioners ordered,  
that notice be given to all persons and corporations  
interested therein, that said Commissioners will  
meet at the dwelling-house of Aaron Nelson in  
Westfield on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September  
next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose  
of locating said highway, by publishing an  
abstract of said petition and this order thereon,  
in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the said 25<sup>th</sup> day of September—

And it was further ordered by the County Commis-  
sioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his  
deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Southwick  
with a copy of said petition and this order,  
thirty days at least—and post up abstracts containing  
the substance thereof in two public places in said  
town of Southwick fourteen days at least before  
the said 25<sup>th</sup> day of September at which time  
the said Commissioners will proceed to locate  
said highway and will hear all persons and  
corporations interested therein, who may then  
and there desire to be heard, and assess  
such damages as in their opinion may be just  
and proper, by reason of the location of said  
road.— And this petition was continued to this



meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows  
 Hampden Co. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1855

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> last I served the Clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of the within Petition and order thereon by giving said copy to Mr White the town clerk, and also on the same 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> posted abstracts containing the substance of said Petition and order in the store of J. M. Forward and at the Hotel of Ashley Hayden, being two public places in said town of Southwick, and have caused the within Petition and order thereon to be published agreeable to the within order the last publication being on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept inst

Fred<sup>t</sup> Bush S. Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five on the petition of W. J. Whitney and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that—

That the public convenience and travel demands that a highway should be laid from the termination of the highway leading from Westfield to Lornis Street; commencing near the house of Aaron Wilson at the town line between Southwick and Westfield, and running to said Lornis Street, on or near the old location. Your petitioners therefore request Your honorable body to view the premises, and locate said highway. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

As by said petition ore file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the seventh day of August, then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon



at the house of Aaron Nelson in Westfield at the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Southwick, being the town within which such highway is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said seventh day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of September then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the public convenience and necessity require, the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Aaron Nelson in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway, and the said



Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for locating said highway in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fifth day of September met and proceeded to locate said highway as follows: Commencing at a stone monument on or near the westerly side of Loomis Street road; then running as the Magnetic Needle now points North three degrees West, twenty nine rods and fourteen links to a stone; then North fourteen and three quarter degrees West thirteen rods and seventeen links to a stone; then North twenty eight and a quarter degrees West across Munns brook, thirteen rods and twelve links to a stone, across said brook, on this course a bridge will be required forty feet long in clear between the abutments sixteen feet wide and to be elevated nine feet in clear from the bed of the brook. The abutment walls of said bridge are to be constructed of stone of suitable size and shape, and to be not less than five feet thick at the bottom and two feet at the top - and to be protected by suitable wing or side walls. Also of stone, which with the abutment walls are to be well founded, and built in a thorough skilful and workman-like manner. Six string pieces will be required of Chesnut timber, not less than ten by twelve inches square and forty three feet long: the string pieces must rest upon sills laid upon the tops of the abutment walls not less than ten inches <sup>thick</sup> and fourteen inches wide, and of sufficient length to project beyond the sills of the abutments so as to receive the ends of braces for the support of the side railing: The string pieces are to be supported from above by King braces and suspension rods: The King braces are to be of Chesnut timber not less than seven by eight inches



square and to be joined to the string pieces in the usual way and bolted thereto with bolts one inch in diameter. The suspension rods are to be of round iron not less than one and a half inch in diameter which with all the iron used in said bridge is to be of the best quality. Upon the bottom ends of the suspension rods a beam will be required, not less than twelve inches square, and to be of sufficient length to project beyond the side of the string pieces sufficient to support the ends of braces from the top of the suspension rods to the upper surface of said beam. These braces are to be of inch square iron. The bridge is to be covered with chestnut plank not less than ten and a half inches thick and sixteen feet long. The grade of the road bed on this course is to be made uniform, from the top of the planking at each end of the bridge to the end of this course in either direction. Then North fourteen and a quarter degree West. Eleven rods to a stone. A sluice will be required on this course, three by four feet square in the clear and of such length that the travelled path over the same shall be not less than eighteen feet wide and the length of all other sluices on this highway is to be of like description. Then North thirteen and a half degree East. Twenty four rods and thirteen links to a stone. A sluice or bridge will be required across White brook on this course similar to that described on the preceding course. Then North Eighteen and a quarter degree East. thirty eight rods and twenty three links to a stone. Then North sixty and three quarter degree East. thirty one rods and seventeen links to a stone; a cut of three feet will be required on the high ground at the Northerly end of this course and the grade of the road bed must in no part thereof exceed three degrees; - Then North sixteen and three quarter degree East. twenty eight rods and twelve links to a stone. Then North twenty Eight and a half degree East to Southwick and Bentleyfield.



town line in range of the westerly side of Aaron Nelsons Well in Westfield - The lines run on this location are on the Easterly or right hand side of the highway, which is three rods wide. Sluices in addition to those already specified will be required at all points on the highway - where it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other, and to be of sufficient capacity to convey all water accumulating at said points. The road bed is to be well thrown up. And where it is soft or spongy to have a covering of gravel at least six inches thick and the same when completed to be at least fifteen feet wide exclusive of ditches. A substantial railing must be constructed at all points on the highway where the same is necessary; all poles used for the same are to be of chestnut and not less than three inches through at the small end. All materials used in the construction of the highway must be well adapted to the purpose to which it is applied - And the grade of the road bed not specifically mentioned, must be made as nearly uniform as the nature of the ground will allow from station to station and in no part thereof to exceed a grade of three degrees and all the work is to be done in a thorough skillful and workmanlike manner. And to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July 1856

The owners of land over which said highway is located are allowed until the first day of December next to remove their wood timber, and trees therefrom.

Having made such location and heard all persons interested therein, upon the question of damages, we have proceeded to assess the same as follows viz

To Loomis Holcomb	one hundred dollars	\$100.00
Hiram Kellogg	Five dollars	5.00
Abigail Sampson	Thirty dollars	30.00
Manfred W Kellogg	Twenty five dollars	25.00
Fredrick C Kellogg	Twenty five dollars	25.00
Aaron Nelson	Twenty five dollars	25.00
		\$310.00

Abner Homer }  
 George C Gibbs } County  
 Francis Weaver } Commissioners



which report being read and considered is accepted  
and the road established as and for a public highway.

It is ordered that there be allowed to the inhabitants  
of the town of Russell, towards defraying the charge  
and expenses of constructing a highway in said  
town located on the petition of D. P. Robinson and  
others at the April meeting 1855. the sum of two  
hundred dollars and that the Clerk draw his  
warrant on the County treasurer in favor of said  
town of Russell for said sum of Two hundred dollars  
for the purpose aforesaid

\$200.00

Sundry accounts against the County being now  
presented are allowed amounting to the sum  
of two thousand and fifty three dollars and are  
ordered to be paid out of the County treasury -

Accounts

\$2053.00

The following persons are allowed the sums set  
against their names in full for damage to land  
taken for highways and the same are ordered  
to be paid out of the County treasury amounting  
to one thousand two hundred and twenty one  
dollars and twelve cents

Land damage

\$1221.12

Rufus Gould (on Petition of David B. Perry & als)	\$186.12
William Moree	450.00
Samuel Hadley	100.00
Warham Shepard	75.00
William Shepard	50.00
Ira Geornans	25.00
Michael Dinne	10.00
Polly Sackett	5.00
Rachel Sackett	6.00
Poland Sackett	4.00
Franklin Brass	30.00
Russell Shepard	20.00
Garret Brass	5.00
Edwin H. Ball (on Petition of Chester Crafts & als)	175.00
C. C. Ewing	60.00
The Tuttle Heirs	25.00
The Chapman Heirs	5.00

\$1221.12



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Hampden, ss. December 5 1855

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c.  
and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be  
continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest - Geo B Monis Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty fifth day of the Month to the twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five, and by adjournment on the first day of January to the second day of January, and by adjournment of the twenty ninth day of January to the thirtieth day of January and by adjournment on the fourth day of March and by adjournment on the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Present on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of December

Alfred Horns Esq	}	Chairman,
George C. Gibbs "		County
Francis Brewster "		Commissioners

Henry Fuller Esquire having been declared by the board of examiners, duly Elected County Commissioner for the County of Hampden in place of George C. Gibbs Esq. and having been duly sworn before C. D. Beach & George B. Morris Esquires, Commissioners to qualify Civil Officers, appears on said twenty sixth day of December, and the board consisting of Alfred Horns Francis Brewster and Henry Fuller Esquires proceed to the choice of Chairman of said board, The whole number of votes is three, of which Alfred Horns has two and is chosen.—

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. Julius Day & Yours Petitioners would represent; that some five or others. Petition six years since a highway was located from the for Attuation foot of Stebbins Hill in West Springfield, running of High Way in through the lands of the Agawan Canal Company West Springfield to Middlecage, said Company agreeing to construct the road through their lands, provided the Town would reduce the top of said Stebbins Hill and



Construct the road to said Company's lands. The Town of West Springfield fulfilled their part of the condition and the other is neglected. We therefore pray your Honors to view and enforce the order for constructing said road to said Village. Your petitioners would therefore pray that your Honors view said premises as soon as convenient and make such alterations as you may deem proper.

Julius Day & others

The foregoing Petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and continued from Meeting to Meeting to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, at which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Miram Bartholomew in West Springfield on Wednesday the sixteenth day of May next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said sixteenth day of May, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a Copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper, printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be at least fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or his Deputy in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said sixteenth day May, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners



seem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.—

And this petition was continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden ss May 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

I served the town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested Copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said Meeting.—

A. Cutler, Sheriff

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss,

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord ~~one~~ thousand Eight hundred and fifty five, On the petition of Julius Day and others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that some five or six years since, a highway was located from the foot of Stebbins Hill in West Springfield, running through the land of the Agawam Canal Company to Mittineusque, said Company agreeing to construct the road through their lands, provided the town would reduce the top of the said Stebbins Hill and construct the road to said Company's lands, The town of West Springfield fulfilled this part of the condition and the other is neglected: We therefore pray your Honors to view and enforce the order for constructing said road to said Village, Your petitioners would therefore pray that your Honors would view said premises as soon as convenient and make such



attentions as you may deem proper, as by said petition, on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the sixteenth day of May then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Horace Bartholomew in West Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such Highway prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been ~~last~~ fifteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place appointed for commencing said view.

And on said sixteenth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted.

Francis Brewer, one of the Commissioners, being unable to attend, due notice was Robert E. Bernis one of the Special Commissioners, who acted in stead.

Alfred Homer & County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
R. E. Bernis, Special Commissioner



Which report being read and accepted considered, was accepted, and the alterations prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which Meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of M. Bartholomew, in West Springfield on Thursday the twenty third day of August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty third day of August. And it is further ordered by the <sup>County</sup> Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said twenty third day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just & proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting; and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. —

Hampden sp. July 21<sup>st</sup> 1855

I served the town Clerk of West Springfield with an Attested Copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said Meeting.

N. Butler, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their Report in



writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of County Commissioners, of County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty five on the petition of Julius Day and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that some five or six years since, a highway was located from the foot of Stebbins Hill in West Springfield, running through the lands of the Agawan Canal Company to Wittingenue, said Company agreeing to construct the road through their lands, provided the town would reduce the top of said Stebbins Hill and construct the road to said Company's lands; The Town of West Springfield fulfilled their part of the Condition, and the other is neglected: We therefore pray your Honors to view and enforce the order for constructing said road to said Village. Your petitioner would therefore pray that your Honors would view said premises as soon as convenient and make such alterations as you may deem proper, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the sixteenth day of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Horan Bartholomew in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, said Cause a Copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield, being the town within which such highway prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a Copy of said petition to be publishing three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave



notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for Commencing said view. And on the said sixteenth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the premises same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twenty third day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the House of Hiram Bartholomew in said West Springfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said Highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said road, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty third day of August, met and proceeded to locate and establish as follows, to wit:—Commencing at a Stone Monument at a point four rods and fourteen links from the Northeastly corner of the brick boarding house near the foot of the stairs, and in range of the easterly side of said house, then running north sixty two and a half degrees east, twenty four rods and six links to a stone, then north seventy degrees east twelve rods and three links to a stone, then north sixty seven and a half degrees East, six rods and one link to a stone, then north fifty nine and a half degrees east, six rods to a stone then north, thirty five and a half degrees east, seven rods and six links to a stone, then north sixteen and



a half degree East, eight rods, to a Stone Monument on the Southernly side of the Albany Turnpike road.

The lines now are on the Northernly or left hand of the highway which is located three rods wide.

The following directions are given for the Construction of the aforesaid highway: Viz: The road bed is to be well thrown up, and when completed, to be not less than twenty five feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and the grade of the same will be required as follows, to wit: From the Commencement to a point one hundred feet from the same a uniform grade will be required: from thence to a point, eight rods East from the easterly terminus the grade must be uniform: from thence to the end of the location a like grade will be required.

Sluices will be required at all points on the highway when it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other, which are to be thoroughly and substantially built, of sufficient capacity to convey all accumulating water at the several points of Construction - A substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway where the same shall appear to be necessary - All materials used in the Construction of this highway are to be well adapted to the purposes to which they are applied: - and all the work is to be done in a thorough, skillful and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of July next: - After hearing all persons and corporations interested in the above named highway, and no person or Corporation claiming damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners none have been sustained, none have been awarded. -

Alfred Noyes }  
George C. Gitts } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners

Hiram Hull To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
& others, Pet. for ad. The undersigned respectfully represent that the public convenience & necessity require attention in the highway  
Highway in Westfield between the houses of John A. Mallery & Henry Ashley



in Westfield in said County and the location of a new  
Highway in said Westfield commencing at a point  
near the House of Enock Phelps or between  
George Snapp's and the James Loomis Place, and  
terminating at Washington Street opposite the  
Westerly end of School Street. They therefore  
pray the Commissioners to view & establish  
such alterations and locate said highway  
Miram Hull & others

The foregoing Petition was entered at a Meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the fourth Tuesday of December in  
the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
and fifty four, <sup>or adjournment on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1855</sup> at which Meeting the Commis-  
sioners deeming a view of the premises expedient  
and proper give notice that they will meet for the  
purpose of said view at the dwelling house of  
Lewis Chapman in Westfield on Thursday the  
eighth day of March next at nine o'clock A. M.  
And it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a  
Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County  
or his deputy upon the Clerk of the Town of Westfield in  
said County, thirty days at least, before the said eighth  
day of March, and that all other persons and Corpor-  
ations interested therein, be notified by publishing a  
Copy of said petition and this order thereon in the  
Westfield News Letter, a public News Paper printed in  
said County, three weeks successively, the last publica-  
tion to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners  
that Copies of said petition, or abstract, contain-  
ing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up  
by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the  
town of Westfield fourteen days before the said <sup>eighth</sup> day  
of March, and that notice be given in manner afore-  
said to all persons and Corporations interested, that  
the County Commissioners deem a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, and that <sup>of the same</sup> a view will  
be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.  
And this petition was continued from Meeting to  
Meeting to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of said County



made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. January 30. 1855. I made service of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the town of Westfield a true and attested copy of this petition and the order of the County Commissioners and posting up in two public places in said Westfield copies of said petition and abstract of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Patrick Boise, Sheriff

And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be Dismissed with costs.

Elijah W. Bliss.  
Pet. for a Jury

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents Elijah W. Bliss of Springfield in said County that he was, on the first of May A. D. 1854 and still is the owner of a tract of land situate in said Springfield near the Village of Indian Orchard, so called that the City Government of said City of Springfield in the Month of June A. D. 1854 laid out, opened, and worked a road from Indian Orchard Depot to Indian Orchard Village across the land of your petitioner. And that the said City Government awarded to your petitioner the sum of twenty five dollars damages for the land so taken for a road, at which assessment of damages, your petitioner is aggrieved, and prays that a jury may be summoned to assess the damages to your said petitioner w. by the laying out of said road, and that such other proceedings may be had as law and justice require and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Springfield May 8. 1855. Elijah W. Bliss

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and continued from Meeting to Meeting to the Meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year eighteen hundred and fifty five at which Meeting Edward Parsons.



Heavenly & Edwin H. Ball were appointed a Committee to estimate damages, and a warrant was duly issued. And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting; and now this petition is dismissed, on motion of the petitioner. —

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hamp Joseph A. Brown & others, Pet. for

Yours petitioners inhabitants of the town of discontinuance Palmer, respectfully request that you discontinue of highway in that part of the town way lately laid by your Board Palmer leading from Bondsville to Duckville, so called, which runs through land of the Boston Duck Company. Joseph A. Brown & others

Palmer May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

At which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of N. A. Stimpson in Palmer on Tuesday the twenty first day of August next at nine o'clock A. M: and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Palmer in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty first day of August and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a Copy of said petition and this order therein in the Palmer Journal, a public Newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days, at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract, containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or his Deputy in two public places in the town of Palmer fourteen days before said twenty first day of August



and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested. That the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to ~~this~~ Meeting to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of Said County makes his return as follows. -

Hampden p. July 14. 1855

I served the town Clerk of Palmer with an Attested Copy of this petition and order, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said Meetings. N. Cutler, Sheriff -

And now it is ordered that this petition be dismissed with costs. -

Edward Savage  
et al. pet. for a Com.  
to assess damages

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden. -

Respectfully represents Edward Savage and James Brewer that on the first day of August A.D. 1854 they were, and have ever since been, and now are the owners of valuable tracts of land on Wilcox Street in the City of Springfield in said County. That on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of October A.D. 1854 a Committee of the City Council of said Springfield made a report to said Council, in favor of laying out, altering and widening said street between Main and Water Streets, and assessed damages to said Savage of one hundred dollars, and to said Brewer of Twenty five Dollars, for land taken of them in laying out, altering and widening said Wilcox Street, and for damages done to their property. That said report was accepted by the Board of Aldermen of said Springfield on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1854 and was concurred in by the Common Council of said Springfield on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1854: that the said Savage and Brewer have sustained and will sustain much greater damages in their property, than have been assessed and allowed to



them respectively as aforesaid by the taking of their said lands and by the laying out, altering, and widening of said Wilcox Street, and that they are aggrieved by the determination of said City Council of Springfield respecting the assessment of said damages.

They therefore pray that they may have their respective damages aforesaid ascertained by a Committee to be appointed by your Honorable Board agreeably to the provisions of the Statute in such Cases made and provided: And they hereby signify ~~to~~ have their Election to have said damages ascertained by a Committee, as aforesaid, and not by a Jury - and they further pray for such other and additional relief in the premises as they may be entitled to, and as to your Honorable Board may seem just and proper.  
Springfield June 26<sup>th</sup> 1855. Edward Savage  
Jas. Brewer

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and fifty five. At which Meeting Edward Parsons, Horace Ely and Edwin H. Ball, were appointed a Committee to assess damages, and a Warrant was duly issued, and this petition was continued to this Meeting, and now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed, on motion of the petitioners. -

To the Honorable County Commissioners within and for the County of Hampshire. -

J. W. & D. B. Gibbs  
pt. for abatement  
of Taxes

Humbly Represent J. W. & D. B. Gibbs, partners in trade by the firm of J. W. & D. B. Gibbs at Russell in said County, that they in accordance with the notice of the Assessors of said Russell, issued to your Complainants to bring in a list of their Estate for the year 1855, gave to said assessors a list, under oath of all their partnership estate both real and personal not exempt from taxation, of which the following is a true Copy. -

Stock of Good,	\$1600.00
One Horse	100.00
One half of the Bishop place	300.00
Store	1200.00
Money at interest more than we are paying interest for	300.00
Amounting to	\$3500.00



That they are taxed on said Appraisers Books, as follows, for the year 1855.

For Stock in trade	\$1800.
One Horse	100.
One half of the Bishop Place	300.
Store	1450.
Money at Interest	2000.
Amounting to	\$5650.

That on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August last, they made an application in writing to said Assessors to make abatement of said tax, and gave to said Appraisers a list under oath of all their partnership property, both real & personal, not exempt from taxation, a copy of which is given above: that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August last, said Assessors refused to make any abatement thereof, that said

is excessive and more than their just proportion. Wherefore your Complainants pray that such notice may be issued to the parties concerned, as is necessary and that a hearing may be had, and such abatement made of said tax, as to your Honorable body shall seem just & proper and your Complainants will ever pray. — James W. Gibbs  
David B. Gibbs

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and fifty five, at which Meeting the Commissioners ordered that the Complainants cause notice to be given to the Assessors of the town of Russell, of the pendency of said complaint, by serving one of said Assessors with an attested copy of said Complaint and this order therein fourteen days at least before an adjourned Meeting of said ~~assessors~~ Commissioners to be holden at Springfield in said County on Thursday the eighth day of November, then next, at ten o'clock A.M. that they might then & there appear and show cause why the prayer of said Complaint should not be granted. — And this Complaint was continued to this Meeting, and the Officer makes his return as follows.

Hamphden sp. October 22<sup>d</sup> 1855

I have this served the above order by delivering to Justin C. Loomis, one of said Appraisers, a true and



attested Copy of the foregoing petition and order—

S. G. Campbell

Constable of Russell

And now the Commissioners having investigated the  
said Complaint, do award an abatement to Messrs.  
J. W. and D. B. Gibbs, on their real Estate \$1.12  
on their personal Estate 11.20

Making a sum total of ——— \$12.32

And furthermore the Commissioners decide that each  
of the parties shall defray their own Costs.—

Alfred Hornum } County }  
Francis Brewster } Commissioners }  
Daniel G. White, } Special Commissioner }

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Pelatiah Ely  
Your petitioners, inhabitants of the town of Holyoke & others, pet. for  
would represent to your Honorable Board, that the old discontinued  
highway passing by the dwelling house of Charles Ball of highway in  
to the point where it connects with the attraction Holyoke  
of the location near the dwelling house Amos Allen  
is not used by the public for the purpose of a  
highway. We therefore pray you to examine said highway  
and discontinue such portions <sup>if</sup> as you may deem ex-  
pedient  
Pelatiah Ely & others

Holyoke Nov. 7. 1855

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on  
the first Tuesday of October in the year of Our Lord  
One thousand eight hundred and fifty five, at which  
meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient and proper gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling  
house of Charles Ball in Holyoke on Tuesday the  
eleventh day of December, then next at ten o'clock  
A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town  
of Holyoke, in said County, thirty days at least before  
the said eleventh day of December, and that notice be  
given all other persons and corporations interested therein  
be notified, by publishing a Copy of said petition and this



order thereon in the Holyoke Mirror, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commission that Copies of said petition, or abstract, containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places, in the town of Holyoke, fourteen days before the said Eleventh day of December, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and ~~necessary~~ proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, and that if no person <sup>interested</sup> shall object, the Commissioners would forthwith proceed to discontinue said road. — And this petition was continued to this Meeting. And the Sheriff <sup>of said County</sup> makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. November 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested <sup>copy</sup> of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting.

A. Butler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty five, and by adjournment to the Eighth day of November On the petition of Pelatiah Eby & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that your petitioners, Inhabitants of the town of Holyoke would represent to your Honorable Board, that the old highway passing by the dwelling house of Charles Ball to the point where it connects with the alternative near the House of Amos Allen is not wanted by the



public for the purpose of a highway. We therefore pray you  
to examine said highway and discontinue such portions  
of it as you may deem expedient, as by said petition  
or file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view  
of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the Eleventh  
day of December then next and ten o'clock in the fore-  
noon at the House of Charles Ball in Holyoke as the  
time and place for viewing the premises, and caused  
a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of  
the town of Holyoke, being the town within which  
such discontinuance prayed for, thirty days at least  
before the time appointed for said view, and also  
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the sub-  
stance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said  
town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by  
causing a copy of said petition to be ~~posted~~<sup>published</sup> three weeks  
successively in the Holyoke Mirror, a Newspaper published  
in said County, said posting and the last publication  
of said copy having been fourteen days at least before  
the time appointed for said view, and before said view  
was had said Commissioners gave notice in like man-  
ner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition,  
to all persons interested, of the time and place for  
commencing said view. And on the said Eleventh  
day of December the Commissioners met at the time  
and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises  
and having viewed the same, at the same time the  
parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commis-  
sioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the  
prayer of said petition, and after considering the same  
said Commissioners did adjudge that Common Con-  
venience and necessity require that the prayer of the peti-  
tion be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid  
said Commissioners proceeded forthwith, there being no  
opposition, to locate said discontinuance, as follows,  
viz: commencing at a Stone Monument on the West-  
Side of the road, being the first Monument on the  
line of the new location, North-ly of the Dwelling  
of Charles Ball, then running south thirteen and  
a half degrees west, thirty eight rods and twenty links  
to a Stone, also on the line of new road, then north



Eighty seven degrees west, two rods, and twenty links.  
 then south thirty two and a quarter degrees west, ten  
 rods and six links; then south fifteen degrees west  
 seven rods and thirteen links to the southerly line of  
 Back Street road; then from the southerly line of said  
 road, south Eleven and a quarter degrees East, six rods,  
 then south twenty and three quarters degrees East Eleven  
 Rods; then South eight and a half degrees East, nine rods,  
 to a point which bears from a large Elm Tree, North, seventy  
 five and a half degrees East, thirty six links; The lines  
 run are on the Easterly, or left hand side of the  
 highway and all that part of the same lying  
 westerly of said lines is hereby discontinued.  
 And as doubts have arisen with regard to a  
 gore of land lying to the west of the new location  
 which the County purchased of Geo. C. Eving at  
 the time of the new location, in order that the  
 said Eving should be saved harmless, The County  
 Commissioners paying said Eving for said gore  
 of land, have allowed Charles Ball, living op-  
 -posite to said gore of land, to come in and take pos-  
 -session by paying to the County the sum of Twenty  
 five Dollars, which sum he has paid, and we hereby  
 proclaim him to be the sole owner of the said gore  
 of land together with the adjacent road which  
 is adjudicated as discontinued, and if any thing  
 should arise whereby the said Ball should be  
 ousted from his occupancy of said discontinued highway  
 and said gore of land, the County Commissioners hold  
 the County bound to refund to the said Ball the  
 sum of twenty five dollars which he has now  
 paid into the County Treasury.

Alfred Thomas }  
 George C. Gibbs } County  
 Francis Brewer } Commissioners

Votes for  
 County Treasurer

The votes for County Treasurer of the County of  
 Hampden, having been counted, it appears that the  
 whole number of votes is Seven Thousand Five Hun-  
 -dred and seventy eight. Norman Norton has Four  
 Thousand five hundred and twelve which is the



highest number of votes and he is deemed and declared by the County Commissioners to be elected. And the said Norman Norton now appears on this second day of January 1856 and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office, and gives Bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

The votes for Register of Deeds of the County of Hampden having been counted, it appears that the whole number of votes was seven thousand five hundred and seventy eight, William Rice has Four Thousand Five Hundred and fifty five which is the highest number of votes, and he is deemed and declared by the County Commissioners to be elected, and the said William Rice now appears on this second day of January 1856 and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office and gives Bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Estimate of Taxes for the County of Hampden Estimate for for the year 1856 prepared by the County Commis. County Expenses  
 Given January 2<sup>d</sup> 1856.

For payment of Travers Jurors	\$ 4,009.00
" Sheriffs, Constables, Clerks & Messengers	2,322.00
" Constable Service of Venues	300.00
" Coroners Inquests	354.00
" Clerk of Courts	292.00
" Criminal Bills	6,887.00
" County Commissioners	1,557.00
" " Examiners	27.00
" Committees, Surveyors, Attorneys &c	200.00
" Land Damages	4,877.00
" Roads, Bridges, & Monuments - -	330.00
" Printing Blanks, Notices, &c	209.00
" Repairs to County Buildings, Furniture &c	466.00
" Stationary, Fuel, Gas &c	589.00
" Keeper of Jail & House of Correction, & above Earnings of Prisoners	5,550.00
" Incidental Expenses of Jail and House of Correction	1,822.00



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Amount Brought forward	
For Chaplain to House of Correction	150.00
" Overseers of House of Correction	150.00
" Treasurers Services	400.00
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	\$30. 500.00

\$1200.73

Sundry Accounts against the County being now presented for allowance amounting to the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and Seventy three Cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. -

Hampden p March 7. 1856

Judgement is entered up according to reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this Meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Geo F Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the eighth day of the month to the ninth day of the month

Present Alvin Horn Esq. }  
Henry Fuller } County Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner  
in place of Francis Brewer Esq. Commissioner, who  
was sick and unable to attend.

And by adjournment on the thirteenth day  
of May to the fourteenth day of May in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty six

Present Alvin Horn Esq. }  
Francis Brewer } Co. Commissioners  
Henry Fuller }

Ordered that Herman Norton Esq. County  
Treasurer be authorized to borrow such money  
as may be necessary for the expenses of the  
current year in anticipation of the revenue,  
not to exceed ten thousand dollars and to give  
the County Note therefor.

The following persons are licensed as Inns Holders

George L. Horn, North East corner of the Common  
Brimfield. - April 8.

Alfred Barnard Rail Road House North East of  
Depot. Westfield

The following person is licensed as a Common Victualler  
Levi Smith. Park House, first story above basement  
Westfield. -



To the County Commissioners within and for  
Glosson Pendleton the County of Hampden.

Licensed as a  
Ferryman at  
Williamansett

Respectfully represents Glosson Pendleton of  
Whicoper in said County of Hampden that he is  
the Assignee of a Ferry license granted to one  
Abner Miller of West Springfield in said County of  
Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1849  
to run a Boat or Boats from Williamansett Landing  
to Ireland Parish then in said West Springfield  
but now in Holyoke in said County. Therefore your  
petitioner prays that the said license may be renewed  
to him and the following rates of Ferryage established

Each Foot Passenger	.03 cents
" Person and Horse	.08 "
" Horse, Mule or Cattle	.04 "
" Sheep or Swine	.04 "
unless fifteen or more, then	.02 "
" Boat or Wagon drawn by two beasts	.15 "
additional beast	.04 "
" Pleasure Carriage drawn by two horses	.16 "
additional horse	.04 "
Chair, Gig or Wagon with top & Springs drawn by one horse	.12 "
Stage Coach with two horses	.16 "
Additional horse	.04 "
Boat or Wagon with one horse	.10 "

Glosson Pendleton, by his Atty

Whicoper Decr. 31, 1855.

W. J. Severance

And now upon the foregoing petition, the said  
Glosson Pendleton is Licensed as a Ferryman, to  
run a Boat or Boats from Williamansett Landing  
to Holyoke near the house now or recently occupied  
by Russell Gilman. And it is now ordered that  
the said Pendleton shall keep a Boat or Boats in  
good repair and in readiness to pass or repass  
at all times when the River is passable for Boats  
and that the Ferryman give due attendance on  
all passengers from sunrise to nine o'clock in the  
evening, each day from the first day of May to the



fifteenth day of December in each year at the rates  
demanded in said petition and according to the follow-  
ing regulation. -

If the Ferryman shall attend and render  
services at any time during the residue of the  
year, at high Water, or when the River is obstruc-  
ted by Ice, Ferryman allowed to make terms  
with passengers, provided that Ferryman shall not  
take or receive a sum more than double the  
sum or price established in the given case in the  
table of rates above. -

And the said Glosson Pendleton appears and gives  
Bond in the sum of one thousand dollars faithfully  
to perform his duty as such Ferryman.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas Jordan is appointed Chaplain of the  
Jail & House of Correction with a Salary of one hundred & fifty  
dollars a year. -

In conformity with a resolve of the general Court  
passed at their present session April 29<sup>th</sup> 1856 grant-  
ing a Tax of Thirty thousand and Five Hundred  
dollars for the County of Hampden. The same is  
apportioned upon the several towns in said County  
in manner following

Blandford	733.47	Montgomery	213.93
Brimfield	893.91	Palmer	1703.78
Chertin	626.50	Russell	236.85
Chicopee	4599.45	Southwick	710.55
Granville	557.74	Springfield	8480.71
Holland	206.29	Tolland	275.05
Holyoke	2440.17	Wales	313.25
Leyden	1077.28	West Springfield	2139.28
Ludlow	618.86	Westfield	2169.84
Manser	1260.65	Willbraham	1222.44
	<u>\$ 13,034.32</u>		<u>\$ 17,465.13</u>
			<u>\$ 30,500.00</u>

and covenants have been issued dated the twenty  
second day of May A. D. 1856, directed to the Select-  
men or Assessors of the several towns in the County  
directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants



of their respective towns and requiring their collector or constables to collect the same, and pay the same to Norman Norton Esq. County Treasurer, or his successor, or order, by the last day of August ensuing, as the law directs.

The following persons are licensed as Inn holders  
 Ezekiel Adams, Samosett House, Holyoke  
 Henry R. Loomis near Depot, Russell  
 Levi Brown at his house, Granville  
 J. S. Root, Corns village East Parish, "

The following persons are licensed as Common victuallers -

Alba Atkins next to Hampden Bank, Westfield  
 Frederick Morand at his house north of }  
 Lewis Block on the East Side of Elm Street } "

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Sundry accounts against the County being now presented for allowance amounting to the sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy three dollars and thirty three cents are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names in full for damages to land taken for highways and the same are ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury amounting to one hundred eighteen dollars and seventy five cents -

Heirs of S. B. Newley part of Rufus Gould & Co	60.00
Ambrose Day	13.75
Haswell Loomis	10.00
Lyman Loomis	6.00
Seth Noble	19.00
Daniel A. Stocking	10.00
	<u>\$118.75</u>



Hampden St. May 14. 1856

Judgment is entered up according to reports  
so and all matters not acted upon are ordered  
to be continued and this meeting is adjourned  
without day.

Attest

Gottf Morris Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St.

At a Meeting of the County Commission-  
ers begun and holden at Springfield within and for  
the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June  
being the twenty fourth day of the Month and from  
day to day to the twenty sixth day of the Month and  
by adjournment on the fifteenth day of July and by ad-  
journment on the fifteenth day of August and by ad-  
journment on the ninth day of September, in the year  
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty  
Six. -

Present Alured Hornes Esq.

Henry Fuller

Francis Brewer

County Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The Subscribers Inhabitants of said County respectfully  
represent that the highway leading from Longmeadow  
Street to Main Street in Springfield is narrow and steep  
over and over the Wolcott Hill so called in Longmeadow  
That the road and Bridge over the brook at the foot  
of the hill is narrow and dangerous & that the hill  
north of the brook in Springfield is also narrow steep  
and dangerous. They therefore pray that after due  
proceedings in the premises the said road may be law-  
fully altered, repaired and improved.

April 24. 1854

Thomas Cordis & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said County

Thos. Cordis & others  
pet. for Alteration  
of highway in  
Springfield & Longm.  
No 1



on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four. At which Meeting the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the twentieth day of June then next at 9 o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Longmeadow and clerk of the City of Springfield, in said County, thirty days at least before the said twentieth day of June, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Longmeadow & City of Springfield fourteen days before said twentieth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners hold for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden Co. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1854. - By direction of the within order I delivered to the City Clerk of Springfield a true and attested copy of this petition and order of the County Commissioners, and on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of said May, a like copy to the Clerk of the town of Longmeadow and posted up in said City and said town in two public places each. Copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed more than fourteen days before the day of the view.

Patrick Boise, Sheriff.



at which meeting the Commissioners made their report  
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County <sup>of the County of Hampden</sup> Commissioners, held at  
Springfield on the Second Thursday of April in the year  
of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the peti-  
tion of Thomas Ward and others then presented to  
said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that  
the subscribers, inhabitants of said County respectfully  
represent that the highway leading from Longmeadow  
Street to Main Street in Springfield is narrow & steep  
across and over the Walcott Hill so called in Longmeadow  
That the road & bridge at the foot of the Hill is narrow  
and dangerous and that the hill north of the brook  
in Springfield is also narrow steep & dangerous, they  
therefore pray that after due proceedings in the premises  
the said road may be lawfully altered repaired and  
improved, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient appointed Tuesday the twentieth day of June  
then next and view overlook in the forenoon at the  
Court House in Springfield at the time and place for  
viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition  
to be served upon the Clerks of the town of Longmeadow  
and City of Springfield being the towns within which  
such Road is prayed for, thirty days at least before  
the time appointed for said view, and also caused  
abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof  
to be posted in two public places in Longmeadow and  
City of Springfield, in said towns, and also gave notice  
to all persons interested by causing a copy of said  
petition to be published three weeks successively in the  
Springfield Republican, a Newspaper published in said  
County, said posting and the last publication of said  
copy having been fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view, and before said view was  
had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner  
as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all  
persons interested of the time and place appointed for  
said view. And on the said twentieth day of June



the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Wm B. Cathorn one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend, due notice was given by the other Commissioners to Robert E. Bernis, one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead

Almond Herms

George C. Gibbs County Commissioners

R. E. Bernis - Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience & necessity.

At which Meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the sixteenth day of August then next at nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations, repairs and improvements, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of August And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, send the Clerk of the town of Longmeadow and the Clerk of the City of Springfield with a copy of this said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Longmeadow & the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of August at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid, and would hear all persons and



corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 11th 1854 I made service of this process by delivering in person true copies thereof to the Clerk of the City of Springfield and of the town of Longmeadow and by posting up in two public places in said City and said town copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof.

Patrick Boise, Sheriff.

And the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, on the petition of Thomas Cordis and others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the subscribers, inhabitants of said County respectfully represent that the highway leading from Longmeadow Street to Main Street in Springfield is narrow & steep on and over the Wolcott Hill, so called, in Longmeadow. That the road and bridge at the foot of the hill is narrow and dangerous, and that the hill north of the Brook in Springfield is also narrow steep and dangerous. They therefore pray that after due proceeding in the premises the said road may be lawfully, altered, repaired and improved, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twentieth



day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Selectmen of the Town of Longmeadow and City of Springfield being the towns within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in Longmeadow & City of Springfield in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred until the next regular Meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which Meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises Consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the sixteenth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time & place when & where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish such alterations, <sup>repairs</sup> and improvements, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for Meeting and hearing all persons interested in matters of damage in the same manner as the notice



and publication was given and made and as is given  
by law in such case made and provided before proceeding  
to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition  
instead of a copy thereof) on the said sixteenth day of  
August <sup>the Commissioners</sup> met and proceeded to locate and establish  
as follows:— Beginning in Longmeadow on the plain, at  
a point bearing South  $74^{\circ}$  W. two rods from a stone,  
and running on the Central line of said road at  
 $16^{\circ}$  W. three hundred and sixty one feet—thence at  
 $24^{\circ} 50'$  W. two hundred and thirty three feet—thence  
at  $28^{\circ} 30'$  W. six hundred feet to a point in front of  
Jonathan Goldthwait's house—thence at  $11^{\circ} 30'$  W. ninety  
six feet—thence at  $0.50^{\circ}$  E. one hundred feet—thence  
at  $28^{\circ}$  E. one hundred feet—thence at  $48^{\circ} 30'$  E. one  
hundred and ninety four feet <sup>to a point</sup> in front of the North  
Door of Drvelly's house—thence at  $45^{\circ}$  E. seventy five  
feet—thence at  $32^{\circ}$  E. one hundred and ninety feet to the  
line between Springfield and Longmeadow—thence in  
Springfield the same course at  $32^{\circ}$  E. seventy seven  
feet—thence at  $54^{\circ}$  E. two hundred feet to the intersec-  
tion of the road leading across Long Hill. the above  
road is but few rods wide, and the monuments on  
the Easterly line of the same, and two rods from  
said Central line of location.— In the construction  
of the above road the Commissioners order that the  
same be worked agreeably to the following specifications.  
viz. All stumps and roots must be removed from the  
road bed. The travelled path to be twenty four feet wide  
with suitable ditches on each side for the free pass-  
age of water, with suitable culverts or sluices which  
will hereafter be described.— The grade of the said  
travelled path will be as follows:— Beginning at the  
southerly end of the survey, thence for 92 feet Northwesterly  
the present grade will be assumed—thence for 450 feet  
there will be a uniform descending grade of  $2^{\circ} 30'$ —  
thence for 200 feet on the present grade—thence for 450  
feet on a uniform descending grade of  $3^{\circ}$ —thence for 750  
feet on a uniform descending grade of  $4^{\circ} 30'$ —thence for 75  
feet on a level to the town line.—at this point the embank-  
ment will be raised at least six feet—thence in Spring-  
field on a level 50 feet—thence for 250 feet on a uniform



ascending grade of  $2^{\circ}45'$  to the intersection of the road leading across Long Hill - thence on a level for 460 feet. - the said road to be hardened with a suitable material (wherever required) at least 8 inches deep. -

Three Box Culverts will be required in Longmeadow of a uniform size  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide and 1 foot high in the clear, one near the southerly end of the  $3^{\text{rd}}$  grade, and one nearly opposite the dwelling house of Jonathan Goldthwaite. Each Culvert to be 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet long. The foundations 3 feet wide paved with Chip Stone placed Edgewise and parallel with sand. the walls to be of brick 8 inches thick laid in hydraulic cement. - the covering to be of Stone 3 feet across and 5 inches thick, projecting on each side the Brick work one inch, and the top to be 6 inches below the surface of the road bed, the covering Stone to be well matched and fitted close to each other, so that no water can work through into the Culverts. - The third Culvert will run from a point southerly of the passage way leading from the road to J Goldthwaite's Barn and moving lot and run diagonally across the road to a point say 10 feet northerly of John B Smelly's house. - This Culvert will pass under the embankment leading from Drvelly's House to the travelled path and will be about 64 feet long. The foundation will be 2 inch plank 3 feet long laid transversely, the covering Stone will be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet across and 5 inches thick and matched as the others, the sides of the same materials & dimensions as the other two.

In the Westerly ditch from the Culvert opposite Jonathan Goldthwaite's House a pavement of Chip Stone parallel with sand, will be required for about 250 feet Northerly from said Culvert, the paving to be 5 feet wide, the sides to be 15 inches higher than the middle.

The Culvert over Pecowick brook will be lengthened on the easterly end 31 feet from the easterly end of the present Culvert and on a level with the same. - The foundation walls to be 14 feet thick and well bonded. The Ring Stone on the easterly end of the present arch are to be taken down, and relaid on the easterly end of the extension, the walls of the arch to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet thick laid as nearly as may be in courses. Each & every Stone in said arch must be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide, and in no case can



two stone be allowed to make the 1 1/2 feet in thickness.

The Arch Stone can be taken from the present Easterly side wall provided that there are enough that are suitable for the purpose. The foundation Wall Back of the Arch will be carried 2 feet high above the bottom of the Arch and vertical with the back side the foundation Wall. The extension of the Arch to be of the same size as the present Arch. The Bank Wall will be on a line with the Easterly end of the Arch and parallel with the Central line of location. The top of the wall will be 18 feet high above the foundation of the Easterly end of the present Arch, the wall at the bottom to be 6 feet thick to bottom on the front one inch in the foot to the top at each end every 1 1/2 feet in height the wall on the back side will recess 7 1/2 inches, making the thickness of the wall on the top 2 feet 7 1/2 inches, the wall to be well bonded and the whole including Arch & foundation to be laid in Hydraulic Cement & grouted with the same in a most thorough manner.

A good and sufficient path will be required leading from the travelled path to Jonathan Goldchwaits house where the path now runs, 10 feet wide the grade not to exceed 5°. Also an embankment leading from the travelled path to said Goldchwaits Barn & Meadow, 11 feet wide at top with slopes 1 1/2 feet base to 1 foot rise the grade not to exceed 5°. Also an embankment to enable J B Dwell to get to & from his house, said bank to run in a Northerly <sup>west</sup> direction from the house to be 11 feet wide at top with slopes as above grades not to exceed 5°. Also a way from the travelled path into the Mill Yard 12 feet wide at top with slopes as above the grade not to exceed 5°. A good substantial railing will be required on all the road embankments. The slopes on the Road embankments to be 1 1/2 feet base to 1 foot rise.

And in matter of damages leave them for further consideration.

The Road to be completed and finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November 1855.

Alfred Harris

George H. Gibbs, Co. Commissioners

Daniel J. White, Special Commissioner



William B. Galtorn one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend due notice was given by the other Commissioners to Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Which Report being read and considered was accepted and the Alterations, repairs & improvements established as and for a public highway.

And this Case was further continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting of the Commissioners for the Assessment of Damages.

And now ~~the~~ at this Meeting the County Commissioners allow the sum of One hundred Dollars to John B. Dwyll, as damages.

Sylvan Goodyear and  
others, pet. for H. May  
in Holyoke  
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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The subscribers, legal voters, in aid of the petition of David Norton & others, respectfully represent that whereas the road laid by the Selectmen of Holyoke leading from the foot of the Mountains to West Street has not been worked, and as it is deemed desirable that some alterations should be made in the same therefore we request that you commence at the foot of the Mountains and survey or make alterations in the same as you shall judge proper.

Your petitioners further represent that the public interest does not require the working of the entire road laid by the Commissioners leading from the premises of John Ashley to the brick Church, and therefore we request that such portions of the same as you shall deem proper, be discontinued. And we further request that the road petitioned for by David Norton & others be continued in an Easterly direction till it intersect with the so called Front Street, at some point between the residences of the Rev. Mr. Carpenter and Charles Ball. - All which we pray may be done as to your Honorable Board, the public interest and convenience shall require.

Holyoke April 19. 1834. - Sylvan Goodyear & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting



of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four. At which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would for the purpose of said view at the dwelling House of Robert Crafts in Holyoke on Tuesday the twenty second day of August the next at nine o'clock A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County thirty days at least before the said twenty second day of August and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Hampden Post a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view and it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said twenty second day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper and that a view of the same would be <sup>taken by them</sup> ~~held~~ at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. And the Sheriff made his return as follows.

Hampden St. July 21. 1854. I made return of this process by delivering to the Clerk of the town of Holyoke a true copy thereof and posting up in two public places in said Holyoke copies of said petition and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof.

Patrick Boice, Sheriff

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their



Report in writing as follows:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eight hundred and fifty four.

On the petition of Lyman Goodyear then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that the subscribers, legal voters in said petition of David Norton & others, respectfully represent that whereas the road laid by the Selectmen of Holyoke leading from the foot of the Mountain to West Street has not been worked, and as it is deemed advisable desirable that some alterations should be made in the same, therefore we request that you Commence at the foot of the Mountain and lay or make alterations in the same as you should judge proper. Your petitioners further represent, that the public interest does not require the working of the entire road laid by the Commissioners leading from the premises of John Ashby to the Brick Church, and therefore we request that such portions of the same as you shall deem proper be discontinued. And we further request that the road petitioned for by David Norton & others, be continued in an easterly direction till it intersect with the so called Front Street at some point between the residences of the Rev. Mr Carpenter & Charles Ball. All which we pray may be done as to your Honorableness, the public interest & convenience shall require as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty second day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such highway as prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two



public place in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper published in said County. said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty second day of August, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view. and having heard the parties, the further consideration was continued to the fourth Tuesday of June 1855. Said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that Common Convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should, in part, be granted.

Alfred Hooper  
George C. Gibbs } County Commissioners  
Francis Brewster }

Which report being read & considered was accepted and the said prayer for adjudged to be of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which Meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Christo Crafts in Holyoke on Tuesday the twenty eighth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time said twenty eighth day of August.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners



that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Holyoke, fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid, and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who might then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting. And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows:-

Hampden Co. July 6<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the town Clerk of Holyoke with an Attested Copy of this petition and order by giving the same to his Clerk in his Office, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting:-

A. Butler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five.

On the petition of Lyman Goodyear and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, Whereas the road laid by the Selectmen of Holyoke leading from the foot of the Mountain to West Street has not been worked, and as it is deemed desirable that some alterations should be made on the same, therefore we request that you commence at the foot of the Mountain and survey or make alterations on the same



as you shall judge proper. Your petitioners further  
represent that the public interest does not require  
the widening of the entire road laid by the Commission-  
ers bounding from the premises of John Ashley to the brick  
Church and therefore we pray requests that such portions  
of the same as you shall deem proper be discontinued.

And we further request that the road petitioned  
for by David Norton & others be continued in an  
easterly direction till it intersect with the so  
called Front Street at some point between the resi-  
dences of the Rev. Mr Carpenter and Charles Ball,  
all which we pray may be done as to your Honorable  
Board the public interest & convenience shall require  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty second day  
of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon  
at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time  
and place for viewing the premises and caused a  
copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk  
of the town of Holyoke being the town within which  
such location and discontinuance is prayed for thirty  
days at least before the time appointed for said view  
and also caused abstracts of said petition contain-  
ing the substance thereof to be posted in two public  
places in said town. And also gave notice to all per-  
sons interested by causing a copy of said petition  
to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden  
Post a newspaper published in said County, said posting  
and the last publication of said copy having been four-  
teen days at least before the time appointed for said  
view and before said view was had said Commission-  
ers gave notice in like manner as described in the  
foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested  
of the time and place for commencing said view.  
And on said twenty second day of August the Commis-  
sioners met at the time and place appointed and pro-  
ceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the  
same the further consideration thereof was deferred till  
the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held  
at Springfield aforesaid on the first Tuesday of October.



and by adjournment from time to time to the fourth Tuesday of June 1855. At which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of petitioners should in part, be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty eighth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Chester Crafts in said Hologate, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said road, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating and discontinuance as prayed for in the same manner as the notice and publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fourth Tuesday of June next and proceeded to locate and discontinue as follows -

Commencing at a Stone Monument on the southerly side of the road running between Ashleys & Wrights ponds a little Easterly of the junction of the road from Town Farm then running North seventy six and a quarter degrees East, six rods and fourteen links to a Stone on the north side of the first mentioned road. A fill of two & half feet will be required in the bed of the road at the commencement of this Course, and a cut of two and a half feet at the end thereof, and the grade of the road bed must be made nearly uniform from the commencement of this Course to a point fifty feet from the northerly end of the same, and also to a point on the road over the Mountain. And the road bed on this Course at the point of Commexion with the road running between the ponds must be of sufficient width, and be so constructed as to be safe and convenient for travel, in either direction on said road: Then North fifty & a half degrees East, fifty five rods & twelve links to a Stone. The grade on this Course must be made uniform



from a point fifty feet from the Commencement, for the distance of three hundred feet. from thence uniform for the distance of four hundred and ten feet. from thence uniform to the end of the Course. And no part of the road bed on this Course will be allowed to exceed a grade of three & one half degrees: then north fifty three and a half degrees East, twenty five rods across a part of Wright pond to a stone. A Culvert will be required in the Current of the water on this Course three feet square in the Clear. and of sufficient length for the base of the road bed: this Culvert to be of stone of suitable size & shape: The side walls are to be not less than two & a half feet thick, and the cornering stone are to be at least five feet long & six inches thick: The walls must be well founded, and the whole is to be done in a thorough skillful, and workmanlike manner: The bed of the road across the water on this Course is to be twenty three feet wide on the upper surface which is to be eighteen inches above high water mark: with side slopes of two horizontal to one perpendicular foot, and the travelled path on the same is to be twenty feet wide between the railings with a uniform grade: Then north, seventy nine and a quarter degrees East, sixteen rods and twenty three links, to a Stone: Then North sixty five and a half degrees East, twenty rods to a Stone: A bridge will be required on this Course twenty feet long Measured transversely with the bed of the road, seven feet high in the Clear from the bed of the brook and five feet wide in the Clear between the abutment walls, which are to be not less than two and a half feet thick and to be protected by suitable wing walls. The easterly end of said bridge is to be situated twenty feet easterly of the westerly end of the present bridge & the bed of the road on this Course is to conform to the same: Then North forty three & a quarter degrees East, nine rods and eighteen links to a Stone: Then North ~~sixty seven~~ sixty seven degrees East, eleven rods and twenty links to a Stone: A sluice will be required on this Course eighteen inches square in the Clear: Then North, eighty three and a half degrees East, nineteen rods & five links



to a stone: A Culvert will be required on this course two feet square in the clear, and the bed of the road at the same is to be raised two feet above high water mark and to be nearly uniform on this course. Said Culvert is to be situated at the proper point for conveying the water from one side of the road bed to the other. The abutment walls are to be well founded to be two and half feet thick, and to be of stone of suitable size. The covering stone are to be at least four feet long and not less than six inches thick: Then North fifty and a quarter degrees East, forty seven rods and seven links to a stone. Then North, seventy one and a quarter degrees East, seven rods and two links to a stone. The grade of the road bed on the last two courses, is to be made as nearly uniform as the nature of the surface will allow, and in no part thereof, to exceed a grade of three degrees. Then North eighty two and a quarter degrees East, twenty five rods & twenty links to a stone. A uniform grade will be required on this course. Then North, fifty three and a quarter degrees East eight rods, and fourteen links to a stone. Then North sixty one degrees East, twenty one rods and twenty two links to a stone monument on the westerly side of West Street road. A stone Culvert will be required on the last course three by four feet square in the clear & twenty feet long measured at right angles with the road bed. The grade of the road bed on the last two courses must be as nearly uniform as the nature of the surface will allow & in no part thereof to exceed a grade of four degrees, and the same is to be so constructed at the junction with West Street road as to be safe & convenient for travel in either direction on said road. The lines run on the foregoing location are on the westerly, or right hand side of the highway which is located three rods wide. All that part of the highway where the grade is not particularly specified a nearly uniform grade from station to station will be required. In the construction of this highway the road bed should be made as nearly in the center as practicable, avoiding for as possible, all short and irregular curves. All large stones and rocks to the depth of ten inches are to be removed from the surface of the road bed which is



to be covered sufficiently to convey the water directly to the side ditches, and when completed to be not less than eighteen feet wide exclusive of <sup>the</sup> ditches. All excavations and embankments, unless protected by retaining walls, are to be constructed with side slopes of at least one and a half horizontal to one perpendicular foot. All parts of the road bed requiring hardening, are to have a covering of gravel at least six inches thick - a substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway where the public safety shall render the same necessary. All timber for railing must be of chestnut not less than four inches in diameter at the small end, and firmly secured to substantial posts well sunk in the ground or to rocks or boulders firmly grounded by the margin of the road. Rails in addition to those already specified will be required at all points on the highway where it may appear to be necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other, all of which, together with the abutments of all bridges and all protection to embankments must be constructed of stone. All timber used in the construction of the highway must be of chestnut or oak, and all materials used must be well adapted to the purposes for which they are applied. And all the work must be done in a thorough, skillful & workman-like manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty seven.

And the Commissioners having heard all persons interested in the foregoing location have estimated the damages and awarded to the following persons as follows -

To Eben Wright one hundred & fifty dollars \$150.00

William P. Bagg, one hundred & thirty dollars \$130.00

To other person appearing to claim damages none were awarded, and the Commissioners have further adjudicated that the highway laid by a former board of Commissioners leading from John Ashby to the Brick Church in Holyoke is hereby discontinued.

Alfred Hornum

Francis Brewster

Henry Fuller } Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and



the road established as a road for a public highway

Calvin Baker  
 & others pet. for  
 highway & discon-  
 of highway in  
 Brimfield  
 No 9

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 The subscribers inhabitants of Warren, Brimfield  
 and Sturbridge respectfully represent that the highway  
 leading from near the house of Luther R. Herrick  
 in Brimfield southerly to the new road from Sturbridge  
 to Brookfield is very hilly, narrow & circuitous &  
 that great improvement may be made by locating a  
 new road a part of the distance and by widening  
 straightening & grading portions of the old road as  
 follows: Commencing at some point between the  
 house of said Herrick & Austin Woodward and  
 following the general direction of the old road, and  
 terminating in Sturbridge line on land of Heskiah  
 Allen in such a location that the same may be con-  
 tinued to some point in the aforementioned Brookfield &  
 Sturbridge road between the present terminus & the house  
 of Heskiah Allen. We therefore request your Honorable  
 Board to view the same and make such location  
 & alterations as to you may seem proper, and discon-  
 tinue such portions of the old road as may become un-  
 necessary.

Calvin Baker & others

Brimfield March 22<sup>d</sup> 1855

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the  
 County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
 Tuesday of June, and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden for said County on the first  
 Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
 and fifty five, at which Meeting the Commissioners  
 deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper  
 gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said  
 view at the dwelling house of Calvin Baker in Brim-  
 field on Wednesday the fourteenth day of November  
 then next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered  
 by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition  
 be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy  
 upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield in said  
 County, thirty days at least before the said fourteenth  
 day of November and that all other persons and  
 corporations interested therein be notified by publishing.



a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Brimfield fourteen days before said fourteenth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view <sup>of the same</sup> would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to an adjourned meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth day of December. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows:—

Hampden Co.

October 13<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

A. Butler, Sheriff

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five, on the petition of Calvin Barker and others then presented to said <sup>Commissioners</sup> ~~petitioners~~ representing & setting forth that the subscribers, inhabitants of Warren, Brimfield and Sturbridge respectfully represent that the highway leading from near the house of Luther R.



Heerick in Brimfield. Southly to the new road from Sturbridge to Brookfield is very hilly, narrow and circuitous, and that great improvements may be made by locating a new road a part of the distance, and by widening, straightening and grading portions of the old road, as follows. - Commencing at some point between the house of said Heerick & Austin Woodward and following the general direction of the old road and terminating on Sturbridge line on land of Hezekiah Allen in such a location that the same may be continued to some point on the aforementioned Brookfield & Sturbridge road between the present terminus and the house of Hezekiah Allen. We therefore request your Honorable Board to view the same and make such location & alterations as to you may seem proper and discontinue such portions of the old road as may become unnecessary.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Calvin Baker in Brimfield as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield being the town within which such road is located as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published in ~~the~~ three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed



the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners doth then & there adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require that some alterations & specific repairs, as prayed for, should be made.

George L. Gibbs }

Francis Brewer } Co. Commissioners

Paul G. White - Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations & repairs prayed for adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity -

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next - At which meeting, it was ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Calvin Baker in Brimfield on Wednesday the sixteenth day of April then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations & repairs by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of April. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Brimfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Brimfield fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid, and would hear all persons and Corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just and proper by reason of the location of said



road. — And this petition was continued to this meeting. — And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows. —

Hampden Co.

March 15, 1836

I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving said copy at his dwelling house, also posted up in two public places in said town and abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. —

A. Butler, Sheriff. —

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five, on the petition of Calvin Baker & others then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that the highway leading from near the house of Luther R. Herrick in Springfield, southerly to the new road from Sturbridge to Brookfield is very hilly, narrow, and circuitous and that great improvement may be made by locating a new road a part of the distance, and by widening, straightening & grading portions of the old road as follows: Commencing at some point between the house of said Herrick and Austin Woodward, and following the general direction of the old road and terminating on Sturbridge line on land of Hezekiah Allen in such a location that the same may be continued to some point on the aforementioned Brookfield and Sturbridge road, between the present terminus and the House of Hezekiah Allen. — We therefore request that your Hon. Board to view the same and make such location and alterations as to you may seem proper, and discontinue such portions of the old road as may become necessary. — as by said petition on file will appear. — The Commissioners, desiring a view of the



premises expedient appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of November then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Leoline Baker in Brimfield as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Brimfield, being the town within which such road was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in Brimfield and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fourteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of said petitioners should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the sixteenth day of April then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Leoline Baker in said Brimfield, as the time and place when & where they would meet and proceed to locating alterations & specific repairs, and then continued by adjournment, 25<sup>th</sup> day of April two o'clock P. M. and the Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting in the same manner



as the notice and publication was given and made  
 and as is by law in such case made & provided  
 before proceeding to view (except publishing an ab-  
 stract of said petition instead of a copy thereof)  
 on the said sixteenth day of April, and by adjourn-  
 ment to the 25<sup>th</sup> of said April next and proceeded  
 to locate said alterations and repairs as follows  
 Commencing the location at a Stone Monument  
 on the line between Hampden and Worcester Coun-  
 ties, on land of Heskiah Allen, then running North  
 fifty nine and a half degrees West, eleven rods and  
 twenty one links to a Stone, then North fifty three  
 degrees West, twenty rods to a Stone. - A Culvert will  
 be required on this course two feet square in the  
 clear, and twenty two feet long measured transversely  
 with the bed of the road, said Culvert is to be near  
 the present Culvert, and to be constructed of stone  
 of suitable size & form - the Abutment walls must  
 be well founded, and be not less than two feet thick  
 and the covering stone must be at least four feet  
 long and six inches thick - then North fifty eight  
 and three quarter degrees West, six rods to a Stone - then  
 North forty nine and three quarter degrees West  
 twelve rods & thirteen links to a Stone - the lines  
 run thus far on the southerly side of the highway,  
 and the same is laid three rods wide. - then North  
 thirty & three quarter degrees West, seventeen rods to a  
 Stone. From the Commencement of this Course to the  
 end of the location the lines are run on the northerly  
 side of the highway - then North twenty three and a  
 half degrees West, thirty six rods to a Stone near  
 the easterly side of the old road, a grade nearly  
 uniform from station to station, will be required on  
 the last two Courses. - then running near the easterly  
 line of said old road, North, one degree West nineteen  
 rods and twelve links to a Stone - then North thirteen  
 and three quarter degrees West, nine rods & twenty two  
 links to a Stone - then North thirty five and three  
 quarter degrees West, fourteen rods & seven links  
 to a Stone - The grade of the road bed in the three  
 last Courses is to be made as nearly uniform as



the nature of the surface will allow and in no point to exceed three degrees. In the construction of the foregoing highway the bed of the road should be as near the center of the location as practicable, all short and irregular curves must be avoided, all large stones and rocks to the depth of one foot from the surface of the road bed must be removed, which when completed is to be not less than eighteen ~~inches~~ but wide exclusive of ditches, and the road bed to have a covering of twelve inches in thickness, and all elevations and embankments, unless protected by retaining walls, are to be constructed by side slopes of one & a half horizontal to one perpendicular foot. Where railing is needed it must be constructed of chestnut posts with railings of chestnut poles which must be four inches in diameter at the small end, and the posts placed firmly in the ground, or in lieu thereof the poles may be placed on rocks or boulders elevated at least two feet from the ground, and firmly fastened to the stones with iron bolts. Wherever balustrade shall be necessary irrespective of the one named above they are to be eighteen inches square in the clear, and built of stone, and covered with good covering stone, and if in any place the road shall require hardening it must be covered with gravel or clay to the depth of at least six inches, the whole to be constructed in a workmanlike manner, and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the twenty fifth day of October 1856. In all cases not specified above when the location is hilly, the road ~~is~~ in no case <sup>is</sup> to exceed three degrees.

After hearing all persons and corporations interested in damages, the Commissioners have awarded to the following persons the amount of damages assessed to their several names:-

To Heseiah Allen ten dollars	\$10.00
Heirs of Miner Hall, thirty five dollars	35.00
Austin Woodward one hundred & fifteen dollars	115.00

Alfred Homer Esq. Chairman of the County Commissioners, and Francis Brewer being unable to attend.



after suitable notice being given to Robert E. Bemis and Daniel G. White appeared and acted in their stead. —

Henry Fuller, — County Commissioner  
R. E. Bemis

Daniel G. White, Special Commissioner

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the alterations, repairs & improvements established as for a public highway. —

Jacob Stewell  
& others pet. for  
Alteration & new  
H. May in South  
No. 13

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned citizens of the town of Ludlow in said County, believing that the public convenience requires an alteration of certain parts of roads now in use, and also that some pieces of new road to connect them with should be laid, as follows, to wit: Commencing on the premises of Widow R. Darnon at Ludlow City, and thence running southerly between the house and barn, or near the barn of said Darnon till it intersects with the present travelled road north of the House of Samuel White, thence in the same direction on the present travelled road till it comes near the house of Austin F. Stewell, where open petitioners request the same may be straightened; thence southerly on the road now in use to the land of A. Nash below the house of David Atchison, thence on the premises of said Nash, in a straight course to the North West Corner of said Nash's orchard and near the house of John Moody, and thence to connect with the road proposed between said point and the Village of Indian Orchard. — Provided said road shall commence near the house of said Moody, and run in a direct course to the Chicopee River at a point on the North Bank near the Machine Shop of the Wood Manufacturing Co. otherwise to continue on the line of the old road, from said Moody's till it reaches the four Corners below J. S. Eaton's Mills and thence to any bridge that may be built across the Chicopee River, at or near the aforesaid Village of Indian Orchard. Believing the public convenience



demand the aforesaid changes & roads. Your petitioners earnestly request that your Honorable body will fix upon the earliest convenient date, to view said proposed roads, and if in your judgment, the same are needed to order the same to be laid & built, as soon as may be practicable. - Jacob Hewell & others  
Ludlow August 27, 1855

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Thursday of June in the year of our Lord 1855 and by adjournment on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1855. At which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of John Moody in Ludlow, on Tuesday the twenty third day of October then next at nine O'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the town clerk of the town of Ludlow in said County thirty days at least before the said twenty third day of October, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in said the town of Ludlow, fourteen days before the said twenty third day of October and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper and that a view of the same would be taken by them, at the time and place aforesaid. -

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to the Meeting of the County Commissioners



holder for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden ss.

September 19<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with an Attested Copy this petition and order by leaving the same at his Dwelling House and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

A. Cutler, Sheriff

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Hampden ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, and by adjournment on the twelfth of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five on the petition of Jacob Stowell & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the undersigned Citizens of the town of Ludlow in said County believing that the public convenience requires an alteration of certain parts of roads now in use and also that some pieces of new road to connect them with, should be laid as follows, to wit, commencing on the premises of William R. Damon at Ludlow City, & thence running southerly between the house & barn, or near the barn of said Damon till it intersects with the present travelled road north of the house of Samuel White thence in the same direction on the present travelled road till it comes near the house of Austin T. Stowell, where your petitioners request the same may be straightened, thence southerly on the road now in use to the land of A. Nash below the house of David Atchison then on the premises of said Nash in a straight course to the North West Corner of said Nash's Orchard near the house of John Moody, and thence to connect with the road proposed between said point and the village of Indian Orchard. Provided



of  
County

said road shall commence near the house of said Moody  
and run in a direct course to the Chicopee River at a  
point on the North Bank near the Machine shop of the  
Grand Manufacturing Company. otherwise to continue on  
the line of the old road from said Moody's till it  
reaches the four corners below G. S. Eaton Mills and  
thence to any Bridge that may be built across the  
Chicopee River at or near the aforesaid village of Indian  
 Orchard. - Believing the public convenience demands  
the aforesaid changes & roads, your petitioners earnestly  
request that your Honorable body will fix upon the  
earliest convenient date to view said proposed roads  
and if in your judgment, the same are needed, to  
order the same to be laid & built as soon as may  
be practicable. - as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient appointed Tuesday the twenty third day of  
October then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon  
at the house of John Moody in Ludlow as the time  
and place for viewing the premises and caused a  
copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of  
the Town of Ludlow, being the town within which such  
road and alterations pray for, thirty days at least  
before the time appointed for said view, and also caused  
abstracts of said petition containing the substance  
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town  
and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing  
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks suc-  
cessively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper pub-  
lished in said County, said posting and the last pub-  
lication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least  
before the time appointed for said view, and before  
said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice  
in like manner as described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time &  
place for commencing said view. And on the said  
twenty third day of October the Commissioners met, at  
the time and place appointed and proceeded to view  
the premises, and having viewed the same the Commis-  
sioners then determined to hear the parties at the same  
time of said view, and having heard the parties, said



Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudge upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require the prayer of the petitioners should be granted -

Alvin Hornum  
George C. Gibbs } County Commissioners  
Francis Brewer

which report being read and considered was accepted and the new roads and alterations as specified in said report adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity

At which Meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons <sup>& corporations</sup> interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Jacob Sewell in Ludlow on Tuesday the twenty ninth day of April then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said road by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty ninth day of April, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Ludlow with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Ludlow fourteen days at least before the said twenty ninth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said road and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who might then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just and proper by reason of the location of said road

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows:-

Hampden S.S. March 26<sup>th</sup> 1856, I served the town Clerk of Ludlow with an Attested Copy of this petition and order, by leaving the same at his dwelling house also posted up in two public places in said town and



abstract concerning the substance of said petition, more than  
fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

A. Butler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing  
as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said  
County on the fourth Tuesday of June and by adjournment  
on the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord  
eighteen hundred and fifty five on the petition of  
Jacob Newell and others then present to said com-  
missioners, representing and setting forth that the  
public convenience requires an alteration of certain  
parts of roads now in use and also that some pieces  
of new road to connect them with should be laid, as  
follows, to wit, <sup>the</sup> Commencing on the premises of Widow  
R. Damon at Ludlow City and thence running  
Southwesterly between the house & barn, or near the barn  
of said Damon till it intersects with the present trav-  
elled road North of the house of Samuel White; thence  
in the same direction on the present travelled road till  
it comes near the house of Austin F. Newell, where your  
petitioners request, the same may be straightened, thence  
Southwesterly on the road now in use to the land of A. Nash  
below the house of David Atchison thence on the premises  
of said Nash in straight course to the North west corner  
of said Nash's Orchard near the house of John Moody  
and thence to connect with the road proposed between  
said point and the village of Indian Orchard. Provided  
said road shall commence near the house of said  
Moody and run in a direct course to the Chicopee River  
at a point on the North Bank near the Machine Shop  
of the Ward Manufacturing Company. Otherwise to continue  
on the line of the old road from said Moody's till it  
reaches the four corners below J. S. Eaton's Mills, and  
thence to any bridge that may be built across the  
Chicopee River at or near the aforesaid Village of Indian  
Orchard. Believing the public convenience demands the  
aforesaid changes and roads. Your petitioners earnestly



request that your Honorable Body will fix upon the earliest convenient date to view said proposed roads and, if in your judgment the same are needed to order the same to be laid & built as soon as may be practical as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty third day of October then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of John Moody in Ludlow as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Ludlow being the town within which such road and alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County. Said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty third day October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular Meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Thursday the nineteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of John Moody in said Ludlow as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to alter



and locate said road and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time & place appointed for locating said road in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said nineteenth day of June met and proceeded to alter and locate the road as follows. - Commencing the location at a stone monument on the southerly side of the road leading from South Headly to Jencksville, Westerly of the Dwelling House of William Raby Darnon, thence running South five and three quarter degrees West, four rods & ten links to a stone. Then South thirteen and three quarter degrees West, four rods and ten links to a stone. Then South twenty two degrees West, seventy three rods and fifteen links to a stone. Then South twenty degrees West, seventy eight rods and nine ten links to a stone. Two thirds of the width of the road bed on the last two courses is to be constructed below the center line of location except at the ends, which are to be constructed to meet the road bed of the adjoining courses with regular curves. - Then South twenty one and three quarter degrees West, sixty five rods and thirteen links to a stone monument on the Westerly side of the first mentioned road. The lines are run and the bounds are set on the Westerly or right hand side of the highway and the same is located three rods wide. - In the construction of the above described highway the road bed except that part which is otherwise ordered should be constructed in the center of the location all large stones & rocks to the depth of ten inches from the surface of the road bed must be removed which when completed is not to be less than eighteen feet wide exclusive of side ditches and to be crowned sufficiently to carry the water directly to the same. And the road bed at either end of the location at the points of connection with the old road must be constructed of sufficient width to be safe and convenient for travel, and meet said old road with regular curves and grades. Sluices will be required at all points on the highway where it is necessary to carry the water from one side of the road bed to the other all of which are to be constructed of



stone and ~~not~~ to be <sup>not</sup> less than eighteen inches square in the clear and to be of sufficient length for the base of the road bed. All covering stone are to be at least three and a half feet long & four inches thick. The grade of the road bed on this highway must be as nearly uniform as the nature of the surface will allow, removing therefrom all small irregularities. The following alterations of location is made Northby of Austin F. Newell's dwelling house, (viz). Commencing at a stone monument on the Westby side of the highway, then running South three and three quarter degrees East, five rods and seven links to a stone, then South Nine and a quarter degrees West, twenty five rods and five links to a Stone Monument on the Westby side of the road. The bed of the road on this location is to be constructed in part Westby of the present road bed. And the grade of the same must be made uniform from the commencement of the location to a point six rods from the end thereof, and the road bed must be properly connected with & to the old road bed at both ends. The lines are run on the Westby or right hand side of the highway which is laid three rods wide.

A substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway where the public safety shall render the same <sup>to be found</sup> necessary. All railing to be of Chisum timber not less than four inches in diameter at the small end supported by suitable posts firmly set in the ground & secured by iron bolts to boulders firmly grounded by the sides of the highway. All materials used in the construction of the foregoing highway are to be well adapted to the purposes to which they are applied. And all the work must be done in a thorough, skillful and workmanlike manner. And to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November next. (1856)

After hearing all persons and corporations interested in Damages the Commissioners have awarded the amount of damages to the following persons. And no other person appearing to claim damages more other claims were allowed.



To Ruby Daman & Eli Daman three hundred & fifty dollars \$350.00  
 " Andrew Daman Eighty Dollars 80.00  
 " Eldon Daman one hundred and twenty dollars 120.00  
 " Samuel White five dollars 5.00

Francis Bremer Esq. being unable to attend, Daniel  
 G. White Esq. one of Special Commissioners was duly  
 notified by the other ~~Commissioners~~ members of the  
 board and attended in his stead.

Alfred Hornum

Henry Fuller J County Commissioner

Danly. White - Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted and  
 the new piece of road and alterations as specified in  
 said report established as and for a public highway

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the Titus Armadon  
 County of Hampden. & others for a

The subscribers Citizens of Springfield respectfully ~~submit~~ <sup>present</sup> to estimate  
 represent that on September 10<sup>th</sup> 1855 they were ~~seized~~ <sup>severely damaged</sup>  
 seized and possessed of certain lands lying in said

Springfield on the westerly side of Arseny Street, and  
 that on said tenth day of September the City Council  
 of the City of Springfield laid out a road or highway  
 in said Springfield over the said lands of the subscribers  
 as follows. Beginning at a Stone Monument on the  
 southerly side of Worthington Street and run South  
 20° 40' East, 32 rods & links on lands of Horace Hibbs  
 Titus Armadon and Orrin Wood to the Iron fence  
 erected by the United States on the westerly side of  
 Arseny Street, the line thus made being the westerly  
 side of said Street, and the same is laid out four  
 rods wide. Easterly of said line the Easterly line of the  
 location to extend southerly to land of the United  
 States the same being longer than the westerly line.

And the said City Council on the said tenth day of  
 September awarded and determined as the damages  
 sustained by the subscribers in consequence of the laying  
 out of the said highway or road, the sum of one hun-  
 dred dollars to Titus Armadon, three hundred dollars  
 to Orrin Wood, and five dollars to Jereediah Smith



And the said City Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of said September ordered said road or highway to be opened and Constructed.

And the subscribers Respectfully represent that they are severally dissatisfied with the decision aforesaid of the said City Council, in the foregoing estimate of Damages awarded to the subscribers and they respectfully pray that <sup>a committee may be appointed</sup> under the direction of your Honorable body and to assess and award the damages sustained severally by the subscribers in consequence of the laying out of said highway  
Springfield October 1855.

Peter Amador

Orrin Wood

Jedediah Smith

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five. At which Meeting Jonathan Childs, Elisha J. Parsons and Samuel Palmer were appointed a Committee to Assess Damages, and a Warrant was duly issued. And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting, and now it appearing to the Commissioners that the matter between the parties has been settled, no further proceedings are had in this case.

Jacob Newell  
et alius pet for  
a Highway in  
Ludlow  
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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Your petitioners Inhabitants of the town of Ludlow  
would respectfully represent, that the public highway  
leading from John Moody's barn southerly of the  
dwelling house of David S. Atkinson to the intersection  
of the road leading to Indian Orchard near the dwell-  
ing of John Moody, is circuitous, hilly and incon-  
venient. Wherefore your petitioners request your Honorable  
body to view the premises and widen, straighten or new  
locate said road, and discontinue such parts of the  
highway as may be useless, or make such alterations  
and improvements as shall appear to your honors neces-  
sary. — Ludlow April 29<sup>th</sup> 1856. Jacob Newell et alius



The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, and by adjournment on the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six. At which Meeting, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of John Moody in Sudlow on Thursday the nineteenth day of June then next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Sudlow in said County thirty days at least before the said nineteenth day of June, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Argus a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Sudlow, fourteen days before said nineteenth day of June, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this Meeting and the Sheriff makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. May 17<sup>th</sup> 1856. I served the town Clerk of Sudlow with an attested Copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting.

A. Butler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners, ~~held~~  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said  
County on the Second Tuesday of April and by adjourn-  
ment on the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord  
eighteen hundred and fifty six. On the petition of Jacob  
Newell and others then presented to said Commissioners  
representing and setting forth that the public highway  
leading from John Moody's barn southerly of the dwell-  
ing house of David L. Atkinson to the intersection of  
the road leading ~~from~~ to Indian Orchard near the  
dwelling of John Moody is circuitous, hilly and incon-  
venient. Wherefore your petitioners request your honorable  
board to view the premises, and either straighten or  
new locate said road, and discontinue such parts  
of the highway as may be useless, or make such al-  
terations or improvements as shall appear to you to be  
necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed Thursday the nineteenth day of  
June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at  
the House of John Moody in Ludlow as the time & place  
for viewing the premises; and caused a Copy of said  
petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow  
being the town within which such Highway prayed for.  
thirty days at least before the time appointed for said  
view, and also caused abstracts of said petition contain-  
ing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places  
in said town; and also gave notice to all persons inter-  
ested, by causing a Copy of said petition to be published  
~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the three weeks successively in the Springfield Argus  
a newspaper published in said County, said posting, and  
the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen  
days at least before the time appointed for said view  
and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave  
notice in like manner<sup>as</sup> described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition to all persons interested of the time & place  
for commencing said views. And on the said nineteenth  
day of June the Commissioners met at the time & place  
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having



before the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, there being no opposition, said Commissioners proceeded to locate the same, as follows:—

Commencing at a Stone Monument on the westerly side of the road southerly of John Moody's barn then running south six degrees West twenty rods to a stone. The grade of the road bed on this course is not to exceed three degrees. Then south fifty feet and a half degrees West, twelve rods and six links to a stone. Then south thirty and a half degrees West thirty rods and twenty links to a stone. The grade of the road bed, on the last two courses, must be nearly uniform from station to station, and in no part thereof exceed a grade of two & a half degrees.

Then south thirty degrees & forty minutes West, thirty rods and seven links to a stone. Then south, thirty five degrees West fourteen rods & twenty two links to a stone. Then south twenty five & a half degrees West, thirty two rods to a stone on the westerly side of the old road.

A nearly uniform grade from station to station will be required on the last three courses, and is not in any part thereof to exceed two degrees.

Then on the westerly side of said old road, south four and a half degrees West, forty three rods and seven links to a stone. Then south seven and a half degrees West, twelve rods and eighteen <sup>links</sup> to a Stone Monument (on the westerly side of the road) which bears from the southerly corner of John Moody's dwelling house, south forty and three quarters degrees East, two rods and fifteen links. The lines are run on the right hand or westerly side of the highway, which is three rods wide. In the construction of the above described highway, all short and irregular curves in the bed of the road must be avoided, and worked in the center of the survey as near as may be. Stone Culverts to be made wherever necessary to convey the



water from one side of the road to the other. The road is to be sufficiently crowned to pass the water readily from its center. A substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway where the public safety shall render the same necessary the rails to be not less than four inches in diameter at the small end - All materials used are to be well adapted to the purposes to which they are applied, and all work must be done in a thorough, skillful and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November next. After having made said location, the Commissioners estimate the damages occasioned thereby, as follows.

To David S. Atchinson Forty Dollars \$ 40.00  
 " Asahel Nash Two Hundred & twenty five dollars 225.00  
 H. H. Fuller being unable to attend, Daniel G. White, one of the Special Commissioners was duly notified by the other members of the board and attended in his stead.

Albion Hoerning County  
 Francis Brewster } Commissioners  
 Daniel G. White - Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered was accepted and the new piece of road, and alterations, established as road for a public highway.

### Licenses

The following persons are licensed as inn holders  
 June 24.

Elisha Kinsley	his dwelling house	Holland
Levin Whapman	Morocco house, West Side, Green	Westfield
George E. Noble	Portsmouth house near N. H. Depot	"
Sylvester Miller Jr.		Palmer
John Baldwin	his house	Williamham

### Accounts

\$5,821.57

Scanty Accounts against the County being now presented for Allowance amounting to the sum of Five Thousand eight hundred and twenty one Dollars and fifty nine Cents are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury



The following persons are allowed the sums set against  
 their names in full for damages to land taken for 912.00  
 Highways, and the same are ordered to be paid out of  
 the County Treasury amounting to the sum of Nine  
 Hundred and ten Dollars

Lewis Holcomb	Set. of M. J. Whitney & als	100.00
Heam Kellogg	" "	5.00
Apollas Lambson	" "	30.00
Ramsford W. Kellogg	" "	75.00
Fredrick L. Kellogg	" "	75.00
Arar Stelson	" "	25.00
John B. Dwyer	Set. of Thomas Cordis & als	100.00
James Banks	" " F. C. Rosbrook & als	5.00
Wm. Banks	" "	115.00
William S. Hitchcock	" "	175.00
Widow Solomon Chapman	" "	20.00
Sylvester Manger	" "	20.00
Lyman Goodyear	" "	15.00
Moses Thap	" "	40.00
Obbidge G. Wilcox	Set. of Israel G. New & al	100.00
Same	Guardian of Thos. Jackson	10.00

Hampden Co.

September 9. 1856

Judgment is entered up according to Reports &c  
 and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be  
 continued and this Meeting is adjourned without  
 day.

Attest Geo. S. Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October, being the seventh day of the Month, to the eighth day of the Month and by adjournment on the sixteenth day of October, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of November, and by adjournment on the twenty first day of November, and by adjournment on the Eleventh day of December, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of December and by adjournment on the twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Present Almed Brown Esq. Chairman  
Francis Brown " (County Commissioners)  
Henry Pullen " us. —

Abraham Charles  
& others Pet. for  
New Highway &  
Alteration of  
High Way in  
Brimfield  
No 2

To the County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned Citizens of Brimfield respectfully represent that the County road leading from Brimfield Center West, to the town line between Brimfield and Sturbridge, is circuitous, hilly and very inconvenient for the large amount of public travel on said road. That a new road can be made in part to advantage and alterations and improvements, also thereby shortening the distance and getting a more level road for the better accommodation of the long travel through East & West, and for that in the vicinity of the road &c.

They therefore respectfully request your honorable board to view said road, and commencing on the town line between Brimfield and Sturbridge in connection with a new road now petitioned for in Sturbridge to the County Commissioners for the County of Worcester, and lay a new road in part and make such other alterations and improvements on the old road to Brimfield Center as the petitioners request and which the public



good reasons

Abraham Charles & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1855, at which meeting the Commissioners <sup>deeming a view</sup> of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of George C. Haven in Brimfield, on Tuesday the thirteenth day of November then next, at nine o'clock A.M. - And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Selects of the Town of Brimfield, in said County, on thirty days, at least before the said thirteenth day of November and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. - And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Brimfield fourteen days before said thirteenth day of November and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners <sup>holden</sup> for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return, as follows. -

Hampden Co.

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition and order by



giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting.

A. Butler, Sheriff.

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Heampden ss

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. On the petition of Abraham Charles and others, then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth, that the sundesignated Citizens of Brimfield respectfully represent that the County road leading from Brimfield Center East to the town line between Brimfield and Sturbridge is circuitous & hilly and very inconvenient for the large amount of public travel on said road, that a new road can be made in part to advantage, and alterations and improvements also thereby shortening the distance and getting a more level road for the better accommodations of the long travel through East & West, and for that in the vicinity of the road re. They therefore respectfully request your Honorable Board to view said road, and commencing on the town line between Brimfield and Sturbridge in connection with a new road now petitioned for in Sturbridge to the County Commissioners for the County of Worcester, and lay a new road in part and make such other alterations & improvements on the old road to Brimfield Center as the petitioners request and which the public good requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of November then next, and nine O'clock in the forenoon at the House of George C. Hooper in Brimfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a



copy of said petition to be secured upon the Clerk of the town of Braintree being the town within which such Road is located, as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been five days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for considering said view.

and on the said thirteenth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted

George H. Gibbs &

Francis Brewer & Co. Commissioners

Danl. S. White - Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road or alterations as specified in said report adjudge of common convenience and necessity.

At which Meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the town line between Braintree & Sturbridge, in Braintree, on Tuesday the fifteenth day of April then next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said Highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the



Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, then weekly successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of April - And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Brimfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Brimfield, fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of April at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said highway, and would hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who might then and there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. -

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co.

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1885

I served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving said copy at his dwelling house, also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting. -

A. Cutler Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows. -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. -

On the petition of Abraham Chacler and others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the undersigned Citizens of Brimfield respectfully represent that the County road leading from Brimfield Centre East to the



town line between Brimfield & Sturbridge is circuitous  
illy and very inconvenient for the large amount of public  
travel on said road, that a new road can be made  
in part to advantage and alterations and improvements  
also, thereby shortening the distance and getting a  
more level road for the better accommodations of the  
long travel through East & West, and for that in  
the vicinity of the road &c. They therefore respectfully  
request your Honorable Board to view said road  
and commencing on the town line between Brimfield  
& Sturbridge in connection with a new road, now  
petitioned for in Sturbridge to the County Commis-  
sioners for the County of Worcester, and lay a new  
road in part, and make such other alterations  
and improvements on the old road to Brimfield  
Center as the petitioners request and which the pub-  
lic good requires. as by said petition on file will  
appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the  
expedient appointed Tuesday, the thirteenth day  
of November then past, and nine o'clock in the  
forenoon at the House of George C. Hooper, in Brim-  
field, as the time and place for viewing the premises  
and caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the Clerk of the Town of Brimfield being the  
town within which such alterations, repairs & the  
like are prayed for thirty days at least before the  
time appointed for said view, and also caused  
abstracts <sup>of said petition</sup> containing the substance thereof  
to be posted in two public places in said town and  
also gave notice to all persons interested by causing  
a copy of said petition to be published three  
weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a  
newspaper published in said County, said posting  
and the last publication of said copy having been  
fourteen days at least before the time appointed  
for said view, and before said view was had said  
Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described  
in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons  
interested, of the time and place for commencing said  
view. And on the said thirteenth day of November



the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having received the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular Meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which Meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the public convenience & necessity require that the petition of said Abraham Charles & others, in part, be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the fifteenth day of April then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon at the town line between Braintree & Sturbridge as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made and as it by law in such case made & provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fifteenth day of April, and by adjournment on the twenty fourth day of the last named April, at two o'clock P. M. met and proceeded to locate said highway, - Commencing the location of said highway at a Stone Monument on the line between Hampden and Worcester Counties, then running South sixty five degrees West, eight rods and eleven links to a stone, then South, sixty two and three quarter degrees West, twenty four rods to a Stone Monument on the southerly side of the County road, - The lines run on the above locations, are on the southerly or left hand side of the Highway and the same is located three rods wide -

The following directions are given for constructing the above described road, - viz. a fill of three feet will be required at the commencement of the



as the County line aforesaid and the road bed must  
be so constructed as to connect properly with the road bed  
of the Worcester County road at the point of connection  
with this location and a uniform grade will be required  
from the top of the aforesaid fill to a point four hun-  
dred and fifty feet Westly of the same, provided the  
Worcester County Commissioners shall require the  
surplus earth taken from the excavations in the con-  
struction of said uniform grade, - But provided  
however the said Commissioners of Worcester County  
shall not require the amount of earth as above  
then a uniform grade will be required from the  
top of said fill to a point three hundred and  
fifty feet Westly of the same, - In the construc-  
tion of the road bed all short and irregular  
curves must be avoided and the same must  
be constructed as nearly as practicable in the center  
of the location. All rocks and large stones to the  
depth of ten inches from the surface, are to be  
removed therefrom, and when completed to be not  
less than twelve inches crowning and at least  
eighteen feet in width exclusive of the side  
ditches, and the grade of that part of the road bed  
not before particularly mentioned, must be made  
as nearly uniform as the nature of the surface  
will allow, and not in any part thereof exceed  
two and one half degrees, and be properly joined  
to the old road bed at the point of connection  
therewith, Sluices will be required at all points  
on the highway where it may be necessary to convey  
the water from one side of the bed to the other  
all of which are to be constructed of stone eighteen  
inches square in the clear and of sufficient length  
for base of the road bed. - All excavations and  
embankments are to be constructed with side slopes  
of one and a half horizontal to one perpendicular  
foot. Substantial railing will be required at all  
points on the highway where the public safety may  
render the same necessary said railing to be con-  
-structed as follows, viz. of chestnut posts set  
from two & a half to three feet in the earth, and



And not less than six inches in diameter at the smaller end with Chestnut poles or rails placed upon said posts, not less than four inches at the smaller end, said poles or rails to be secured to said posts by pins one inch in diameter, all posts to be set at a distance not exceeding ten feet from each other, or said poles or rails may be placed on stones of sufficient size to raise the said railing two feet from the ground and the rails to be secured to the stones by means of iron pins or bolts.

The following specific repairs are ordered on that part of the old road embraced in the aforesaid petition, viz- The bed of the road between the first two Telegraph poles Westward of this location will require a covering of gravel at least six inches thick, a cut of two feet will be required in the bed of the road on Sand Hill, so called at a point opposite a Stake & Stones, on the bank. The earth taken from said cut is to be carried in either direction and so placed as to make the general grade of the road more uniform. A Sluice will be required near the bottom of the hill opposite a Stake standing by the wall on the Southward side of the road. Said Sluice is to be constructed of stone eighteen inches square in the clear and twenty feet long measured at right angles with the bed of the road. On the hill eastward of Abraham Charles dwelling house on the easterly slope near the apex of the hill, a cut in the rock fifteen inches in depth and eighteen feet wide will be required, and a fill of two feet at the bottom of said hill, and the grade of the road bed is to be made more uniform in either direction from the top of said fill. At the junction of the Holland and Strickbridge road, an excavation in the rock on the Easterly side of said junction will be required so that the same will be safe and convenient for travel at said point. The rock near the center of the hill Westward of said junction is to be excavated, one foot in depth and a fill of one foot will be required



at the bottom of said Hill. - And the general grade of the road bed, made more uniform from the top of said fill, and sufficient volume of earth must be removed from the top of School House Hill, to fill the gutter on the North side of the road bed, between the two roads that unite at this point, reserving only a water course to the Slieve. - A fill of one foot will be required on break neck hill near the bottom at a point opposite a rock on the South side of the road with three stones upon it. - And the grade of the road must be made uniform from the top of the fill to the first Telegraph pole in either direction from said fill. - At a point opposite rock with stones upon it west of Russell's old Barn, on the North side of the road a cut of fifteen inches will be required, and the earth taken from said cut is to be carried westward and so disposed of, as to make the general grade of the road bed more uniform, all that part of the road bed between said old barn and the junction with the Holland road, at the terminus of the petition, which is sandy, will require a covering of hardening not less than six inches thick. - A substantial railing will be required on the bridge eastward of J. Springs Dwelling House.

All timber and wood within said location and all other obstructions must be removed by the owners on or before the first day May 1857. - or the same shall become the property of the said town of Braintree, and disposed of as the Selectmen of said town of Braintree may direct. All the work on said location must be done in a thorough skillful and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September 1857. After hearing all persons and corporations interested in damages the Commissioners awarded the amount of damages to the following persons and no other persons appearing to claim damages, and no other persons being entitled to damages in the opinion of said Commissioners. -



To Abram Holbrook, Forty three dollars \$43.00

Almond Homan Esq. being disqualified to act from his residence, and Francis Bremer Esq. being unable to act from sickness, two of the County Commissioners - Daniel G. White & Robert E. Dennis Esquires the special Commissioners were duly notified to act in their stead & attended. -

Henry Fuller - County Commissioner  
Daniel G. White &

R. E. Dennis } Special Commissioners  
which report being read and considered <sup>is accepted</sup> and the road established as a public highway. -

Thomas Chaffin  
& others, p. 12, for  
Discontinuance  
of Highway  
in Blanford  
A<sup>o</sup> 12,

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The subscribers legal voters in Blanford in said County respectfully represent, That public convenience & necessity require that a highway which has been laid out in said Blanford on the petition of James Stewart and others leading from the second Division road over land of <sup>Park</sup> Spring, Clark, Ayer, D & R. Ayer, Milo Ayer, and Widow Cannon, to the road that leads from St. Marks Church to Chester Village shall be discontinued, the said road not having yet been worked, nor the damages to the land owners adjusted, - and it having been ascertained that the expense of making and maintaining the road, will be very great, and that it is not needed by the public. - They therefore pray that after due proceedings the said road may be discontinued  
Blanford July 10<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Thomas S. Chaffin & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. - at which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said



view at the dwelling house of Black Age, in Blandford  
on Wednesday the seventh day of October then next at  
nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County  
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served  
by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon  
the clerk of the town of Blandford in said  
County, thirty days at least before the said seven-  
teenth day of October, and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified  
by publishing a copy of said petition, and this  
order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a  
public newspaper printed in said County, three  
weeks successively, the last publication to be four-  
teen days at least before the time of said view  
and it was further ordered by the Commissioners  
that copies of said petition, or abstracts con-  
taining the substance thereof and this order  
be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two  
public places in the town of Blandford four-  
teen days before said seventeenth day of October  
and that notice be given in manner aforesaid  
to all persons and corporations interested, that  
the County Commissioners deem a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, and that a view  
of the same would be taken by them at the time  
and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from Meeting  
to Meeting to this Meeting and the Sheriff makes  
his return as follows.

Hampden St.

September 18, 1855

Pursuant to the within order, I served  
a true and attested copy of the within  
order and petition upon the town clerk of  
the town of Blandford in said County, by leav-  
ing the same at his dwelling house in said town.  
And on the same day I posted up attested  
copies thereof at the Post Office and at Thomas  
S. Chaffers Hotel in said town of Blandford  
for the purpose within mentioned.

Charles W. Knox  
D. Sheriff



And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

Samuel Shaw & others, To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 set for attention. The undersigned, inhabitants of the towns of Monson  
 of Highway in Monson & Palmer, would most respectfully represent  
 Palmer & Monson to your Honorable Body, that the highway leading  
 No. 20 from Palmer Depot to State Farm School in Monson  
 is too narrow and unsafe for the well being  
 and convenience of the traveller and wholly  
 unworthy of any part of the State of Massachusetts,  
 and the line of the road is untraceable by  
 the minutes of the outlay. - Your petitioners there-  
 fore pray your honorable body to view the premises  
 and cause such alterations and improvements  
 to be made in said highway, as the public good  
 in your opinion shall demand, and your pe-  
 titioners will ever pray.

June 2<sup>d</sup> 1856

Samuel Shaw & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting  
 of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.  
 At which Meeting the County Commissioners  
 deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper  
 gave notice that they would meet for the purpose  
 of said view at the Depot of the Western Rail Road  
 Corp<sup>ts</sup> in Palmer on Friday the eighth day of  
 August then next at Ten o'clock A.M. and it  
 was ordered by the County Commissioners that  
 a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
 of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerks  
 of the towns of Palmer & Monson, in said County  
 thirty days at least before the said eighth day  
 of August, and that all other persons and  
 corporations interested therein, be notified by  
 publishing a copy of said petition and this  
 order therein in the Springfield Argus, a public  
 newspaper printed in said County, three weeks  
 successively, the last publication to be fourteen



days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up, by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Monson and Palmer fourteen days before the said eighth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid and this petition was continued to this term and now the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows. -

Hampden St.

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1856

I served the Town Clerks of Monson and Palmer, each with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting

A. Butler Sheriff. -

At which Meeting the Commissioners made this report in writing as follows. -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Hampden St.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six,

On the petition of Samuel Shaw and others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the highway leading from Palmer Depot to the State Plain School in Monson is too narrow, and unsafe for the well being & convenience of the traveller, and wholly unsuited to the any part of the State of Massachusetts. And that the line of the road is



untraceable by the minutes of the outlay - Your petitioners therefore pray your honorable body to view the premises and cause such alterations and improvements to be made in said highway as the public good in your opinion shall demand. And your petitioners will ever pray -  
 Jan. 2<sup>d</sup> 1836.

Samuel Shaw & others  
 as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the eighth day of August then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Depot of the Western Rail Road Corp<sup>y</sup> in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Palmer & Monson being the towns within which such alterations and improvements are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused a transcript of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said Monson and Palmer, and also gave notice to all <sup>persons</sup> interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published, three weeks successively in the Springfield Argus, a newspaper published in said County said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners also gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for considering said view. And on the said eighth day of August, and by adjournment to the tenth day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, and at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the



some said Commissioners did adjudge that the public  
convenience and necessity require the prayer of the  
petitioners should in part be granted. And no opposition  
being made by either person or corporation, and in  
accordance with the wishes of all parties interested  
the Commissioners proceeded upon said view to  
locate said road, as follows:-

Commencing at a point centrally between two  
stone monuments standing on either side of the  
road leading from Palmer Depot to Muncion, Quincy  
near the junction of the road from the State Arms  
House; then running North one degree west, eighteen  
rods to a point opposite a stone monument on  
the westerly side of the highway, which is located  
four rods and eleven links wide at the commence-  
ment of the course and three rods wide at  
the end thereof, with straight side lines. Then  
North then and three quarter degrees West, fourteen  
rods to a point opposite a stone on the westerly  
side of the road. The lines run on the last two  
courses are in the center and the monuments  
are set on the westerly or left hand side of the  
location. Then from the last mentioned monument  
North, six and a half degrees west, forty rods to a  
stone, then North eleven and a quarter degrees  
West, fifteen rods to a stone; then North, eleven  
and three quarter degrees West, thirty rods to a  
stone, then North eleven and three quarter degrees  
West, twenty rods & thirteen links to a stone, then  
North eleven degrees West, thirteen rods, and  
twenty three links to a stone, then North twelve  
and three quarter degrees West, eight rods and sixteen  
links to a stone, then North one degree West, nine  
rods and three links to a stone; then North, nine  
and three quarter degrees East ten rods to a stone  
Then North fourteen and three quarter degrees  
East, fourteen rods to a stone. The highway on this  
course & distance is laid three rods wide at the  
commencement and four and a half rods wide  
at the end, with straight side lines. Then North  
sixty and a quarter degrees East nine rods & fifteen



links to a Stone Monument near the Southern bank  
 of the Whicoper River. The lines run on the above  
 highway except the first two courses, are on the  
 westerly or left hand side of the road. And the  
 same, except that part before particularly specified,  
 is laid three rods wide. Directions for working  
 the highway, viz. The bed of the road is to be well  
 worked, and to be made sufficiently crowning to  
 convey all accumulating water directly to the side  
 ditches, and when completed to be not less than  
 twenty feet wide exclusive of the ditches, and the  
 grade of the same is not in any case to exceed  
 three and a half degrees a fill of eighteen inches  
 will be required, at a point fifty feet southerly of  
 the Bridge across the Whicoper River, and a uni-  
 form grade from the top of said fill to the top  
 of the planking of said Bridge, and also from the  
 top of said fill to a point three hundred feet south-  
 erly of the same. Sluices will be required at all points  
 on the highway where it is necessary to convey the wa-  
 ter from one side of the road bed to the other, all  
 of which are to be constructed of Stone, eighteen inches  
 square in the clear, all large stones are to be removed  
 from the road bed to the depth of ten inches from  
 the surface of the same. A substantial railing  
 of Posts & Poles will be required at all points on  
 the highway where the public safety shall render  
 the same necessary. The posts to be thoroughly set in  
 the ground, and the poles to be not less than four  
 inches in diameter at the small end, to be sub-  
 stantially fastened to the posts, or to the boulders  
 if such be used. All posts used for this purpose  
 to be not less than six inches in diameter at the  
 small end. In the construction of the road, all  
 short or sudden undulations in the road, must  
 be avoided as far as practicable. All Wood timber  
 or other obstructions must be removed and the  
 road constructed and finished to the acceptance  
 of the County Commissioners on or before the thir-  
 teenth day of November 1856. —  
 After hearing all persons and Corporations inter-



costs in damages the Commissioners have awarded  
to Cyrus Snow Thirty Dollars. No other persons appear-  
ing to claim damages & some other <sup>being entitled none</sup> were allowed.

Almond Hobson  
Francis Brewster  
Henry Fuller ) County Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted  
and the road & alterations established as & for a  
public highway. -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Loomis Holcomb  
The undersigned, Citizens of Hampden County, res. & sh. pet for Alter-  
perfectly represent, that the public highway com- <sup>ation of highway</sup>  
mencing at the town line near the house of Aaron Nelson in Westfield  
Nelson in Westfield, and terminating at the house <sup>Nº 21</sup>  
of Jehoshiah Clapp, in Westfield, is narrow, crooked  
and out of repair. - Wherefore your petitioners request  
your Honorable Body to view the premises and  
widen, straighten and make such repairs and  
alterations in locations as you may think expedient  
- Loomis Holcomb & sh.

Westfield June 28<sup>th</sup> 1856

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of June, now last past. -

At which Meeting the Commissioners deeming  
a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave  
notice that they would meet for the purpose of said  
view, at the dwelling house of Aaron Nelson in  
Westfield on Wednesday the thirteenth day of  
August then next, at Ten O'clock, A. M. and it  
was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a  
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of  
said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the  
town of Westfield in said County, thirty days at  
least before the said thirteenth day of August  
and that all other persons and Corporations  
interest therein, be notified by publishing a copy  
of said petition and this order therein in the  
News Letter, a public newspaper printed in



said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before said thirteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, and this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff makes his return as follows

Hampden ss.

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1856

I send the town clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting. -

A. Cutler Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows. -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

On the petition of Loomis Holcomb & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public highway commencing at the town line near the house of Aaron Nelson in Westfield, and terminating at the House of Debadiah Clapp in Westfield is narrow, crooked and out of repair. Wherefore your petitioners request your Honorable



body to view the premises and widen, straighten, and make such alterations in location, and repairs as you may think expedient, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the thirteenth day of August their next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Aaron Nelson in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the select of the town of Westfield being the town within which such alterations and repairs are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Britain newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view. And before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same

said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the public necessity and convenience did require that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners proceeded to locate and repair said



road, as follows. - Commencing at a Stone Monument on the line between Westfield and Southwick on land of Aaron Nelson. then running North forty three and a half degrees East. seventy two rods and twenty one links to a Stone. - then North sixty four and a half degrees East nine rods and five links across Pennings brook. to a Stone. - the lines on the last two courses are run on the Easterly or right hand side of the highway which is located three rods wide. then North twenty five degrees East thirty three rods and four links to a Stone. - then North twenty four and a quarter degrees East, one hundred and thirty six rods and eight links to a Stone. - then North twenty seven and three quarter degrees East. twenty rods and twenty three links to a Stone. then North thirty four and a quarter degrees East. fourteen rods to a Stone. - then North forty and a quarter degrees East. fifty four rods and fourteen links to a Stone. - then North thirty four and a quarter degrees East thirty six rods to a Stone. - then North forty four and a quarter degrees East. seventeen rods and two links to a Stone. then North. forty eight and a half degrees East thirty one rods and eight links to a Stone. for about one half of the last and all of the remaining courses and distances a new road bed (will be required) must be constructed in the center of the locations. - Then North. forty six and three quarter degrees East. seventeen rods & seven links to a Stone. - then North forty nine & a quarter degrees East. nine rods and three links to a Stone. - then North forty four degrees East fifteen rods and fifteen links to a Stone. - then North thirty four and three quarter degrees East forty four rods & ten links to a Stone Monument. Standing on the southerly side of the Granville road in front of Zebadiah Olapfs dwelling house. - The lines except the first two courses are in the center of the highway and the bounds are set on the Easterly or right hand side at the distance of one and a half rods from the line as run. - the highway being laid three rods wide. - The following directions are given for



constructing and repairing the foregoing highway, upon  
The bed of the road on the first course & distance  
must be constructed nearly in the center of the loca-  
tion and meet the road bed of the road from South-  
wick at the point of connection therewith, in a pro-  
per manner: A Culvert will be required southerly  
of Acorn Nelson's Well; at the proper points for  
conveying the water from one side of the road bed  
to the other; said Culvert must be constructed of  
stone not less than eighteen inches in the clear  
and twenty feet long measured at right angles  
with the bed of the road, and be thoroughly and  
substantially built: The covering stone being not  
less than four inches thick, and two and a half  
feet long, and the walls one and one half foot  
thick - And the grade of the road bed at this  
course must not in any part thereof exceed two  
and a half degrees - All of that part of the road  
bed on the new location, except the first course  
& distance must be constructed so that the grade  
shall be as nearly uniform as the surface will  
admit allowing therefrom all sudden undulations  
so that the grade shall in no part thereof exceed  
three degrees - The road bed must be of sufficient  
width and so constructed at the point of connec-  
tion with the Granville road, as to be safe and  
convenient for travel in either direction on said  
road: A Shovel will be required near said point  
of connection eighteen inches square in the clear  
and of sufficient length for the base of the road  
bed and to be constructed of stone - Shovels, in  
addition to those already specified, will be required  
at all points on the highway where it may be  
necessary to convey the water from one side of  
the road bed to the other, all of which are to be  
constructed of stone or sound chestnut timber, and  
to be of sufficient capacity to convey all accumu-  
lating water at said points, and also of suitable  
length for the base of the road bed, all of that  
part of the road bed on the old location must  
be put in a thorough state of repairs, and so con-



constructed that no part of the same shall exceed a grade of three and a half degrees. The entire road bed is to be made sufficiently crowning to convey all accumulating water directly to the side ditches and when completed to be not less than eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches. And where necessary, the sandy portions of the road bed must be covered with sufficient hardening to render the same safe and convenient. Substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway (where the public safety may render the same necessary) of Chestnut Posts not less than six inches in diameter at the small end, and two and a half feet high from surface, to be firmly bedded in the ground, and not to exceed a distance of twelve feet between the rails are to be of sound Chestnut timber, not less than four inches diameter at the small end to be firmly spiked or pinned to the posts with oak pins. All materials used in the construction of the foregoing highway must be well adapted to the purposes to which they are applied. And all the work must be done in a thorough, skillful & workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July, Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven. - And the Commissioners after hearing all persons interested in the matter of damages have awarded to Zebadiah Olapp the sum of Twenty Seven Dollars and fifty Cents 27.50

Moses Herwick Ten Dollars 10.00

Rodolphus Whitaker Eight Dollars 8.00

No other person claiming damages and none being entitled thereto none other were awarded.

Henry Fuller, being disqualified from acting upon the petition, Robert E. Bemis, Special Commissioner appeared and acted in his stead. -

R. E. Bemis, Special Commissioner

Abner Horner

Frances Beebe } Co. Commissioners

which report being read and considered, is accepted and the road & alterations established as and for a public highway. -



to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire. The Selectmen  
The undersigned would respectfully represent that of Russell & others  
certain portions of the road leading from Russell Depot Pk. for discontinu-  
by the house of Symon & Co to Blandford Center, by of Highway in  
reason of new location, have become entirely unnecessary. Russell  
we therefore request you to view the same  
and discontinue such portions of the old road  
as in your judgment the public good requires  
Russell June 5<sup>th</sup> 1856. No. 22

Simeon Mallory } Selectmen  
Joseph Osborn } of Russell  
and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty  
six. - At which Meeting the Commissioners deem-  
ing a view of the premises expedient and proper  
gave notice that they would meet for the purpose  
of said view at the dwelling house of Henry H.  
Loomis in Russell, on Thursday the fourteenth  
day of August then next at nine o'clock A.M.  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy upon the blots of  
the towns of Russell & Blandford in said County  
thirty days at least before the said fourteenth day  
of August, and that all other persons & corporations  
interested therein be notified by publishing a copy  
of said petition and this order therein in the  
Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed  
in said County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before the  
time of said view, and it was further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition  
or abstract, containing the substance thereof and  
this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy  
in two public places in the town of Russell and  
Blandford, fourteen days before said fourteenth  
day of August, and that notice be given in manner  
aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested



that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. —

And this petition was continued to this Meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1835

I served the town Clerks of Russell and Blandford each with an Attested Copy of this petition and order by giving the same to them and also posted up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said Meeting.

A. Butler Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Russell, then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that certain portions of the road leading from Russell Depot by the house of Lyman Ayer to Blandford Center, by reason of new location have become entirely unnecessary we therefore request you to view the same and discontinue such portions of the old road as in your judgment the public good requires, as by said petition on file will appear. —

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the fourteenth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the House of Henry H. Loomis in Russell as the time and place for viewing the premises



and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Russell & Blanford, being the towns within which such highway to be discontinued is located prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointive for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said Russell and Blanford, said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointive for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and no objection being made to said discontinuance of said highway, and no person in the opinion of the Commissioners, being entitled to damages in consequence of said discontinuance, and no person appearing to claim damages, none were allowed, - And further, no objection being made by any person to said discontinuance said Commissioners hereby discontinued said highway upon said view without further proceedings or issuing an order of location for a discontinuance, - Henry Fuller Esq. one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend in consequence



of being absent from home Robert E. Bemis Esq. one of the Special Commissioners was duly notified, and acted in his stead. -

Alfred Hecum  
Francis Bemis } Co. Commissioners  
R. E. Bemis - Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted and the discontinuance established. -

The Selectmen  
of Westfield pet.  
for Alteration &  
discont<sup>n</sup> of High  
way in Westfield  
No 24

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Respectfully represents the undersigned, Select-  
men of the town of Westfield, that the County road  
leading West from the town Farm <sup>in said</sup> of Westfield to  
the five mile House, is narrow, crooked, indirect  
and inconvenient, and has lately been damaged  
and washed away by the River. Wherefore your  
petitioners request your honorable board to view  
the premises, and widen, straighten, or new locate  
said road, and discontinue such parts of the highway  
as may be useless or make such alterations and  
improvements, as shall appear to your honors neces-  
sary -

Thomas Knell }  
Samuel Norton } Selectmen  
L. B. Blood } of Westfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners, holden for said  
County on the fourth Tuesday of June, now  
last past. - At which Meeting the Commissioners  
deeming a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, gave notice that they would meet for the  
purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of  
Ethan O Allen in Westfield, on Tuesday the four-  
teenth day of October then next, at nine o'clock  
A. M. - and it was ordered by the County Commis-  
sioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the  
clerk of the town of Westfield in said County, thirty  
days at least before the said fourteenth day of  
October, and that all other persons and corpora-



Persons interested therein be notified by publishing a copy  
of said petition and this order thereon in the Westfield  
News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County  
three weeks successively, the last publication to be four-  
teen days at least before the same fourteenth time of  
said term: and it was further ordered by the Com-  
missioners that copies of said petition or abstracts  
containing the substance thereof and this order, be  
posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public  
places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before  
said fourteenth day of October, and that notice be  
given in manner aforesaid to all persons and  
corporations interested, that the County Commissioners  
are deemed in view of the premises expedient and  
proper and that a view would be taken by them  
at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this Meeting  
and the Sheriff makes his return as follows:-

Hampden Co.

September 13<sup>th</sup> 1836

I served the town Clerk of Westfield with  
an attested copy of this petition & order by giving  
the same to him, and also posted up in two public  
places in said town an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition seven days before the time of said Meeting.

A. Butler Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in  
writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners  
for the County of <sup>Hampden</sup> ~~Spring~~ in said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty six, On the petition of the Select-  
men of Westfield then present to said Commissioners  
representing and setting forth that the County road  
leading West from the Town Farm in said Westfield  
to the 4 Mile House is narrow crooked, indirect and  
inconvenient and has lately been damaged and  
washed away by the river, Wherefore Your petitioners  
request your honorable board to view the premises



and widen, straighten or new locate said road, and discontinue such parts of the highway as may be useless or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your honor necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the fourteenth day of October then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Ethan O Allen in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such alterations and location is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused a copy abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter, a newspaper published in County said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing portion of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, said Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted. And there being no opposition offered to the immediate location of the road, the Commissioners after adjudicating as



afore said proceeded to locate the same as follows, viz:

Beginning at a monument on the South side of the present highway near the west line of Manning Noble's land, running South twenty degrees fifteen minutes East thirty six rods and three links on land of said Noble's land taking sixty rods and thirty two one hundredths of a rod of said land from said Noble - then South twenty degrees and fifteen minutes East twenty four rods and sixteen links to the Northwest Corner of the dwelling house of Roland P. Sackett, then South twenty degrees and forty five minutes East four rods and fifteen links to said Sackett's East line, and taking from said Sackett one hundred and four rods and twenty two one hundredths of said Sackett's land, - then South twenty five degrees and forty five minutes East fifteen rods to Charles Phelps East line taking sixty three and  $\frac{1}{2}$  rods of said Phelps land, then South thirty five degrees fifteen minutes East forty two rods to the South side of the present highway taking sixty seven rods of land from Lewis Leffingwell on this location the road bed is to be well and thoroughly made, well rounded so that the water may run without obstruction to the ditches on either side of the road, the road bed to be worked and completed twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches, and to be well hardened with gravel or other sufficient material wherever required, a barrier will be required on land of Lewis Leffingwell, constructed of stone, - the walls to be two feet and a half high, one foot and a half in the clear and one foot and a half thick, to be covered with stone coping, The grade of the road is not in any place to exceed two and a half degrees, a firm and substantial railing must be made wherever necessary, The road is laid three rods wide and the corners and distances are taken on the South side of said road, - After hearing all persons and parties in relation to damages, have awarded as follows, viz:

To Manning Noble one hundred & thirty dollars

And Mrs. A. Sackett, wife of Roland P. one hundred dollars

Charles Phelps, twenty five dollars

No other persons appearing to claim damages and



none others being entitled to receive, no other were allowed. The present highway lying between the eastern and western termini of the above location is discontinued, as a public highway. -

Henry Fuller Esq. one of the Commissioners being disqualified to act upon this petition Robert E. Bemis one of the Special Commissioners was duly notified and appeared in his stead. -

Alvin Hoorn

Francis Bremer } Co. Commissioners

R. E. Bemis, Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted, and the road and alterations established as and for a public highway. -

Christen Crafts is licensed as an Innholder in the house he now occupies in Northlake - Oct. 8.  
Hiram F. Parker is licensed an innholder in Brimfield - Dec. 19.  
Sundry accounts against the County being now presented for allowance amounting to the sum of Six Thousand four hundred fifty five dollars and forty seven cents, are allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County treasury. -

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The following persons are allowed the sums set against them respective names in full for damages to land, taken for highways, and the same amounting to the sum of Eight hundred and ninety dollars and thirty seven cents, are ordered to be paid from the County treasury. - viz

890.57

Hezekiah Allen, -	part of Calvin Baker, -	10.00
Heirs of Minn Hall, . . . . .	" " " "	35.00
Austin Woodward, . . . . .	" " " "	115.00
Reuben Champion, . . . . .	Reuben Brooks	50.00
Marion Champion, . . . . .	" " " "	8.00
Samuel Lyon, . . . . .	" " " "	25.00
Daniel L. Atchison, . . . . .	Jacob Sewell & Co.	40.00
Asahel Nash, . . . . .	" " " "	225.00
Manning Noble, . . . . .	Selection of Asst.	139.00
Mrs M. A. Sackett, . . . . .	" " " "	100.00
Charles Phelps, . . . . .	" " " "	25.00



Marcus & Albert Tuttle - part of Chester drafts	41.87
Mason & Hastings	14.50
The Widow Tuttle	10.00

The above allowance is in lieu of an allowance  
 made to the Tuttle heirs of \$25.00 which has  
 not been paid

James Smith	part of Hinsdale Smith & Co	30.00
Jonathan Smucker	"	5.00
		<u>\$89.37</u>

Respectfully

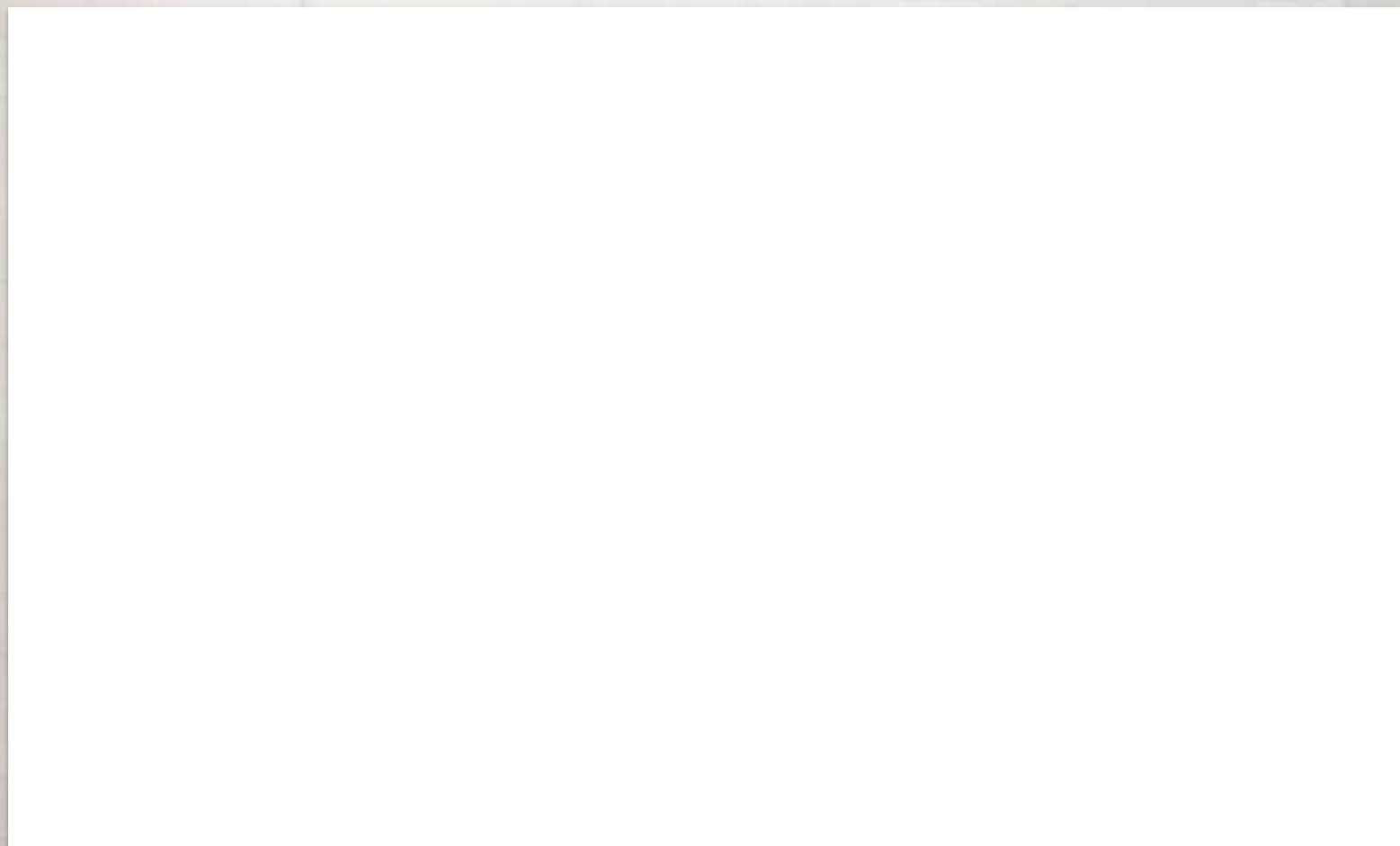
December 23, 1887

Judgment is entered up according to reports  
 &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered  
 to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned  
 without day.

Attest

Wm. M. Mount, Clerk







Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County  
Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield  
within and for the County of Hampden on  
the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty  
third day of the month to the twenty fourth  
day of the month and by adjournment on the  
thirtieth day of December to the thirty first  
day of December in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Present Alured Homer Esq.  
Francis Brewer " } County  
Henry Fuller " } Commissioners

and by adjournment on the seventh day of  
January and by adjournment on the third  
day of February - and by adjournment on the  
tenth day of March in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

Present Francis Brewer Esq.  
Henry Fuller " } County  
Henry F. Brown " } Commissioners

Henry F. Brown Esq. having been declared by  
the board of Examiners duly elected County  
Commissioners for the County of Hampden in  
place of Alured Homer Esq. and having been duly  
sworn - appears on the seventh day of January  
aforesaid and the board consisting of Francis  
Brewer, Henry Fuller and Henry F. Brown -  
begins proceed to the choice of Chairman of  
said board. - The whole number of votes is  
three of which Francis Brewer has two and  
is chosen - Daniel G. White, and Gamaliel Collins  
Esq. having been declared by the board of  
Examiners duly elected Special Commissioners  
are sworn to the performance of the duties of  
said Office by Commissioners appointed to  
qualify civil Officers. -



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Horace Harmon &  
Others for a New Highway  
in Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden - The subscribers respectfully represent  
that the road crossing the track of the Rail  
Road from the Agawam Ferry to the County  
road in the southerly part of the City of Springfield  
is unsafe and inconvenient, and the public  
convenience and safety require that the same  
shall be constructed under the track of the said  
Rail Road. They therefore pray that the County road  
may be so altered that a road may be constructed  
from the Ferry Landing, under the Rail Road tracks,  
to the County road. And they pray your board  
to view the said road and make such attention  
as public convenience may require.

Horace Harmon & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
fifty four - and this petition was continued  
from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting and  
now the aforesaid petition is by the Commissioners  
dismissed without costs.

J. A. Barton & Co  
Petition for a New Highway  
in Ludlow & Springfield

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned Citizens of Springfield and  
Ludlow, would respectfully represent to your  
Honorable Body - that the public convenience and  
necessity - require that a Road should be laid  
out and constructed from some point on the  
present travelled road - near the house of John  
Moody in said Ludlow, and thence running in  
a southerly direction to the Chicopee River and  
crossing said river - at some convenient point -  
at or near the Machine Shop of the "Ward Manuf  
Co" and thence in a South Westerly direction -  
till the same shall connect at the most feasible  
point - with the New Road leading from the  
village of Indian Orchard to Springfield - the  
whole distance being not far from 2 miles.  
The undersigned therefore pray that your Honorable



Body would assign a time to view said route,  
and if in your judgment such a Road is  
demanded that measures may be taken for  
its speedy construction -

Springfield April 30<sup>th</sup> 1855 J. A. Barton & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty five, at which meeting  
the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises  
expedient and proper, give notice that they will  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the  
dwelling house of J. A. Barton in Springfield  
on Wednesday the twenty second day of August  
next, at nine o'clock, A. M.; and it was ordered  
by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the City of  
Springfield and of the town of Ludlow in said  
County, thirty days, at least, before the said-  
twenty second day of August and that all other  
persons and corporations interested therein be  
notified, by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican  
a public newspaper printed in said County, three  
weeks successively, the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said  
view. And it was further ordered by the  
Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or  
abstracts containing the substance thereof and  
this order be posted up by said Sheriff or  
Deputy, in two public places in the town of  
Ludlow and City of Springfield fourteen days  
before said 22<sup>d</sup> day of August and that notice  
be given in manner aforesaid to all persons  
and corporations interested, that the County  
Commissioners deem a view of the premises  
expedient and proper, and that a view of  
the same will be taken by them at the time  
and place aforesaid. - And this petition was



continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows "

Hampden, ss. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1855

I served the town clerk of Ludlow and the city clerk of Springfield each with an attested copy of this petition and order by leaving a copy at the dwelling house of the town clerk of Ludlow, and by delivering a copy to the city clerk of Springfield, and also posted up in two public places in said town of Ludlow, and in the city aforesaid abstracts containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

R. Cutler, Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five - on the petition of S. A. Barton and others - there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the undersigned Citizens of Springfield and Ludlow would respectfully represent to your Honorable body that the public convenience and necessity require that a Road should be laid out and constructed from some point on the present travelled road near the house of John Moody in said Ludlow and thence running in a South westerly direction to the Chicopee River and crossing said river at some convenient point at or near the Machine Shop of the Ward Manufacturing Co - and then in a South westerly direction till the same shall connect at the most feasible point with the New Road leading from the village of Indian Orchard to



Springfield the whole being not far from two miles. The undersigned therefore pray that your honorable body would assign a time to view said route and if in your judgment such a Road is demanded that measures may be taken for its speedy construction.

Springfield April 30<sup>th</sup> 1855. Benjamin Adams & others as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the Twenty second day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of J. A. Barton in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Ludlow and the City of Springfield being the towns within which such Road as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said Twenty second day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said



petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the Petitioners should in part be granted. Francis Brewer one of the Commissioners being unable to attend by reason of interest, Daniel G. White one of the special Commissioners being duly notified by the other members of the board appeared and acted in his stead.

Aleond Hamer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered, was accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged of common convenience and necessity - at which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Counting Room of the Ward Manufacturing Co in Springfield on Wednesday the thirtieth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Road by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of April. - And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerks of the town of Ludlow and of the city of Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Ludlow and city of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of April at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard and assess such



damage as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road. and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. -

Hampden Co. March 26.<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the City Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order by delivering the same to him. also the same day I served the town clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition and order by leaving it at his dwelling house. and posted up in two public places in said City of Springfield, and in two public places in Ludlow an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

N. Butler, Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord - eighteen hundred and fifty five, on the petition of J. A. Barton and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the undersigned Citizens of Springfield and Ludlow - would respectfully represent to your Honorable Body - that the public convenience and necessity require that a Road should be laid out and constructed from some point on the present travelled road near the house of John Moody, in said Ludlow and thence running in a southerly direction to the Chicopee River and crossing said river at some convenient point at or near the machine shop of the Ward Manufacturing Co.



and then in a South Westerly direction till the same shall connect at the most feasible point with the new road leading from the village of Indian Orchard to Springfield the whole distance being not far from 2 miles. The undersigned therefore pray that your Honorable Body would assign a time to view said route, and if in your judgment such a road is demanded, that measures may be taken for its speedy construction -

Springfield April 30<sup>th</sup> 1855. S. A. Barton & others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the twenty second day of August their next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of S. A. Barton in said Ludlow as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the City of Springfield and clerk of the town of Ludlow being the towns within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said city and said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

and on the said twenty second day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,



and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the petition aforesaid in part be granted - and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the thirtieth day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Counting Room of the Ward Manufacturing Company in said Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said road and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed <sup>for</sup> said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirtieth day of April met and proceeded to locate said road - "Commencing at a stone monument on the southerly side of the road northerly of Eatons Mills then running North Eighty eight and three quarter degrees West seven rods and fifteen links to a stone, then North seventy seven and half degrees West - across Higher Brook five rods and thirteen links to a stone, then South sixty four degrees West three rods and eighteen links to a stone - then South Eighty four and three quarter degrees West five rods and sixteen links to a stone - then South thirty nine and a quarter degrees West four rods to a stone - then South seven and half degrees West six rods seven links to a



Stone - Then South six degrees East six rods  
 and nine links to a stone - Then South two  
 and a quarter degree, East six rods to a stone -  
 a fill of three feet will be required at a point  
 one hundred feet from the southwesterly end of  
 the planing of the bridge: and a uniform grade  
 will be required from the top of said fill to the  
 top of the planing of the bridge and also a  
 uniform grade from the top of said fill to a  
 point five hundred and fifty feet southerly of  
 the same: - Then South two and a half degrees  
 East sixty three rods to a stone: A bridge for  
 the passage of cattle and the water in the  
 ravine on this course will be required said  
 bridge must be four feet in the clear and the  
 abutment walls three feet thick at the foundation  
 and two feet at the top and covered with stone  
 at least six inches thick and to be of sufficient  
 length to lap nine inches on each wall. The  
 height of the culvert or bridge must be five  
 feet in the clear, and so filled on the top of  
 the covering stone that the grade shall not  
 exceed two degrees in either direction: - Then South  
 Eighteen degrees East nine rods to a stone on  
 the northerly side of the road passing Jackson Cady's  
 dwelling house. - The highway for this course and  
 distance is three rods wide at the commencement  
 and four rods wide at the end with straight  
 side lines - a uniform grade will be required  
 on this course - Then South twenty seven and  
 a half degrees east twenty seven rods and fifteen  
 links to a stone - Then South twenty two and  
 half degrees east twenty three rods to a stone: -  
 Then South thirteen degrees East, thirteen rods  
 and twelve links to a stone then South one  
 and half degrees West twenty two rods to a stone -  
 then South fourteen degrees West nineteen rods  
 and fifteen links to a stone. Then South thirteen  
 degrees East twenty rods to a stone. Then South  
 twenty three and three quarter degrees east twelve  
 rods and twenty links to a stone. Then South



Twenty eight degrees east six rods to a stone -  
a culvert will be required on this course three  
feet square in the clear: Said culvert shall be  
built of stone and the walls to be two feet  
thick and the covering stone to be five inches  
thick and four and half feet long - Then South  
thirty eight and half degrees East Eleven rods  
and thirteen links to a stone - Then South thirty  
three and a quarter degrees East twelve rods  
and twenty two links to a stone: Then South  
thirty one and three quarter degrees East Eleven  
rods and twenty links to a stone: Then South  
twenty degrees West twenty four rods and one  
link to a stone on the southerly bank of the  
Chicopee river then South four degrees - East  
twenty seven rods and four links to a stone -  
monument on the northerly side of Main  
Street in Indian Orchard Village the highway  
on this course and distance is located three  
rods wide except the southerly end which is  
five rods wide and merges to three rods at  
the distance of eight rods northerly of the end:  
a bridge will be required across the canal on  
this course of eighteen feet in width: a bridge  
will also be required across the Chicopee river  
on the line of the survey eighteen feet in width  
in the clear and two hundred feet in length  
in the clear between the abutments and to be  
thirty two feet in height from low water -  
mark - The abutment walls to be substantially  
built. The northerly abutment to be nine feet  
at the base in thickness and six feet at the  
top: The southerly abutment to be seven feet  
thick at the base and four feet thick at the  
top: The pier in the centre of the river to  
be six feet thick at the base and four feet  
thick at the top and the stone of the cut  
water to be doubled. The bridge to be built  
in a substantial manner and of good material.  
The grade of the road bed on the northerly side  
of the river must be uniform from the top



of the planthing to a point three hundred feet northwely of the same - and also uniform from the top of the planthing on the southwely end of the bridge to the top of the planthing of the bridge across the canal - The lines are run on the easterly or left hand side of the highway - which is located three rods wide except that part which is before mentioned: - In the construction of the highway all short and irregular curves in the bed of the road - must be avoided and all rocks and stumps in the road bed must be removed and the road must be constructed nearly in the centre of the location: all that portion of the road which is not particularly mentioned must be constructed with a nearly uniform grade from station to station and in no place to exceed five degrees in elevation: The road bed in the whole distance must be crowned sufficiently to carry the water immediately into the ditches: all points where sluices shall be needed for the passing of the water from one side of the road to the other must be constructed, all sluices must be eighteen inches in the clear and all places that shall require hardening must have at least a depth of six inches of clay or gravel on the road bed, and the road bed must be eighteen feet in the clear exclusive of ditches: -

Whenever railing will be needed for the protection of the public travel must be constructed, said railing must be of chestnut poles not less than four inches in diameter at the small end and the posts white oak or chestnut and six inches in diameter at the small end and placed firmly in the ground at least two feet and a half -

Whenever embankment walls are needed they will be required, and the whole to be finished in a thorough and workmanlike manner on or before the first day of November 1857: - all trees, fences, and buildings must be removed on or before the first day of May 1857 - after hearing all persons interested in damages -



The Commissioners have awarded the following damages to the persons whose names are annexed

To Jacob S. Eaton	\$ 55.00
" B. Ireland	15.00
" A. Jackson Gady	99.00
" Huns of Amasa Gady	45.00

No other persons appearing to claim damages no further damages were allowed -

Francis Brewer one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend after due notice being given Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners appeared and acted in his stead

Alfred Homer	} County Commissioners
Henry Fuller	
Daniel G. White	Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden John Hyles & others  
The undersigned would respectfully represent that for a new H. way called  
the road leading from Brimfield Center (through of H. way in Brimfield,  
the North part of Monson) to Palmer Depot on Monson & Palmer  
the Western Rail Road is sandy very hilly and  
dangerous at the several crossings over said rail  
road and the undersigned fully believe that the  
hills can be avoided or the grade much improved.  
We therefore request you to view the same  
and make such locations of new road and  
alterations and repairs of the present road  
as in your opinion the public good requires  
and discontinue such portions of the old  
road as may become unnecessary by reason

of location of new road

Brimfield May 5<sup>th</sup> 1856 John Hyles & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the second Tuesday of April in the  
year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty  
six and by adjournment on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May

# and the danger attending the road  
situated by the location of a new  
for some portions of the route and  
alterations and repairs other parts  
the present road much improved



A.D. 1856 at which meeting the Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of George C. Homer in Brimfield on Tuesday the seventeenth day of June next, at ten o'clock, A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerks of the towns of Brimfield, Monson and Palmer in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said seventeenth day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Brimfield, Monson and Palmer - fourteen days before said 17<sup>th</sup> day of June - and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. - and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. -

Hampden, ss. May 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerks of Brimfield, Monson and Palmer each with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to them and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition more



thirteen days before the time of said meeting  
N. Butler, Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made  
their report in writing as follows —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the second Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty six —

on the petition of John Hyles and others then  
presented to said Commissioners, representing  
and setting forth that the road leading from  
Brimfield Center through the North part of  
Monson to Palmer Depot on the Western Rail  
Road is sandy very hilly and dangerous  
at the several crossing over said rail road  
and the undersigned fully believe that the hills  
can be avoided or the grade much improved  
and the dangers attending the crossings avoided  
by the location of a new road for some portions  
of the route and by alterations and repairs —  
other portions of <sup>the present</sup> road much improved —  
We therefore request you to view the same  
and make such locations of new road and  
alterations and repairs of the present road as  
in your opinion the public good requires and  
discontinue such portions of the old road as  
may become unnecessary by reason of location  
of new road.

Brimfield May 8<sup>th</sup> 1856 John Hyles & others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the  
seventeenth day of June then next and ten  
o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of George  
C. Warner in Brimfield as the time and place  
for answering the petition; and caused a copy  
of said petition to be served upon the Clerks  
of the towns of Palmer, Monson and Brimfield.



being the towns within which such alterations and repairs are prayed for. Thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County. Said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place — appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted — Almond Homer Esq. Ch. of County Commissioners being interested from residence Daniel G. White Esq. one of the Special Commissioners was called and acted in his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller, } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Whose report being read and considered, was accepted and the road prayed for, in part adjudged of common convenience and necessity — at which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested



therein. That said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling-house of Silman Morgan in Brimfield on Wednesday the sixth day of August next, at ten o'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of locating said Highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said sixth day of August. — And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Brimfield, Monson and Palmer with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Brimfield, Monson and Palmer — fourteen days at least before the said sixth day of August at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to, <sup>locate</sup> as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road. — and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting — and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. —

Hampden, ss. July 2<sup>d</sup> 1856

I served the town Clerks of Brimfield, Monson and Palmer each with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

R. Butler, Sheriff —

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eight hundred and fifty six and by adjournment on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 1856 on the petition of John Hyles and others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from Springfield Center (through the north part of Monson) to Palmer Depot on the Western Rail Road is sandy and very hilly and dangerous at the several crossing over said Rail Road, and the undersigned fully believe that the hills can be avoided, or the grade much improved, and the dangers attending the crossings obviated by the location of a new road for some portions of the present road much improved. We therefore request you to view the same and make such locations of new road and alterations and repairs of the present road as in your opinion the public good requires and discontinue such portions of the old road as may become unnecessary by reason of location of new road.

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June then next ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of George L. Horner in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Springfield, Monson and Palmer being the towns within which such highway prayed for lay.

Thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican as



newspaper published in said County, said posting  
and the last publication of said copy having  
been fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view; and before said  
view was had, said Commissioners gave notice  
in like manner as described in the foregoing  
notice of the petition, to all persons interested of  
the time and place for commencing said view.  
And on the said fourteenth day of June the  
Commissioners met at the time and place  
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,  
and having viewed the same, the further  
consideration thereof was deferred till the  
next regular meeting of the Commissioners,  
held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth  
Tuesday of June then next at which meeting  
the parties were heard, and after the hearing,  
said Commissioners proceeded to consider and  
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition,  
and after considering the same, said Com-  
missioners did adjudge that the prayer of the  
petitioners should be granted in part and  
after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Comm-  
missioners appointed Wednesday the sixth day  
of August then next at ten o'clock in the  
forenoon at the house of Gilman Hoopes in  
said Springfield as the time and place when  
and where they would meet and proceed to  
locate said highway in part and the  
said Commissioners having given notice  
of the adjudication and the time and place  
appointed for making said location in  
the same manner as the notice and publica-  
-tion was given and made, and as is by law  
in such case made and provided, before  
proceeding to view (except publishing an  
abstract of said petition instead of a copy  
thereof) on the said sixth day of August  
met and proceeded to locate said highway  
in part - "Commencing at a stone monument  
standing on the northerly side of the road



from Pownfield by Rufus Hackett to Palmer  
 Depot: Then running South eight degrees East  
 four rods to a stone: - Then South twenty six  
 and a quarter degrees East across Bacon brook  
 eight rods to a stone: - Then South forty four  
 and three quarters East five rods and two  
 links to a stone: - Then South forty eight and  
 a quarter degrees East twelve rods to a stone  
 Then South forty and a half degrees East thirteen  
 rods and seven links to a stone: - Then South  
 forty five and a quarter degrees East six rods  
 and one link to a stone: - Then South sixty five  
 degrees East twelve rods six links to a stone.  
 Then South sixty six and a quarter degrees East  
 six rods and three links to a stone: - Then South  
 thirty eight and half degrees East three rods one  
 link to a stone: - Then South one and three  
 quarters degrees East six rods and three links to  
 a stone: - Then South one degree East six rods  
 and three links to a stone: - Then South fourteen  
 and half degrees East four rods and twenty links  
 to a stone: - Then South forty seven degrees East  
 seven rods and five links to a stone: - Then South  
 fifty five and quarter degrees East eight rods  
 and ten links to a stone: - Then South fifty two  
 and half degrees East eighteen rods and seventeen  
 links to a stone: - Then South sixty eight and  
 quarter degrees East sixteen rods and fifteen links  
 to a stone: - Then South fifty three and three quarters  
 degrees East six rods and one link to a stone.  
 Then South forty seven degrees East twelve rods  
 and three links to a stone: - Then South twenty  
 five degrees East twelve rods and three links  
 to a stone: - Then South fifty and three quarters  
 degrees East eleven rods and fifteen links to a  
 stone: - Then North eighty two and three quarters  
 degrees East twelve rods and two links to a stone.  
 The lines run thus far are in the center of the  
 location and the monuments are on the  
 northerly or left hand at the distance of one  
 and a half rods from the lines as run: Then



North Eighty two and a quarter degrees East  
five rods and four links to a stone: Then South  
Eighty nine and half degrees East. five rods and  
fourteen links to a stone:— A culvert will be  
required on this course five feet square in  
the clear and of sufficient length for the base  
of the road-bed:— Said Culvert is to be constructed  
of stone of suitable size and form: The abutment  
walls must be well founded and be not  
less than three feet thick at the bottom and  
two feet thick at the top, and the covering  
stone must be at least six inches thick and  
six feet and a half long, and the whole is to  
be done in a thorough and workmanlike  
manner:— Then South forty and a quarter  
degrees East. five rods and four links to a  
stone:— Then South four and a quarter degrees  
East. five rods and four links to a stone:—  
A culvert will be required on this course  
five by six feet square in the clear similar  
in all respects in its construction to the  
first described Culvert:— For one half of the  
last, and all of the last three preceding courses  
the travelled path must be constructed twenty  
four feet wide: Then South one and a quarter  
degrees West twelve rods and three links to  
a stone: Then South three quarter degrees  
West. Eleven rods and fourteen links to a  
stone:— Then South Eleven degrees East twelve  
rods and fifteen links to a stone:— Then South  
nineteen and a quarter degrees East nine rods  
and two links to a stone monument on  
the northerly side of the aforesaid Brimfield  
and Palmer road. The lines run on the last  
eight courses are on the northerly and Easterly  
or left hand side of the road, which is located  
three rods wide: The following additional  
directions are given for the construction  
of the highway, viz: The road bed must  
be constructed nearly in the center of the  
location, so that not more than two thirds



of the width of the same shall be on either side of the center line in any part thereof, all short and irregular curves should be avoided, and all that part not before particularly mentioned is to be not less than twenty feet wide exclusive of the side ditches, that part before specified being between stations thirty three and thirty nine is to be at least twenty four feet wide, and the whole road bed to be sufficiently crowned all the accumulating water to the side ditches immediately. -  
 At a point opposite the first grade station a fill of one foot in the bed of the road will be required and a uniform grade will be required from the top of said fill to the top of the planing of the bridge westerly of said first station, and the whole of the road bed must be so constructed that no part thereof shall exceed a grade of four degrees. All rocks and large stones to the depth of ten inches from the surface of the road bed must be removed therefrom. All parts of the road bed which are sandy will require a covering of hardening two inches thick. - The road northwesterly of Gilman's Boys dwelling house must be reduced sufficiently to make the grade even from the bottom to the top of the hill, and the highest point in the highway at the junction near the dwelling house of Barnus Olds must be reduced at least one foot. - Sluices in addition to those already specified will be required at all points on the highway where it may be necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other, all of which are to be constructed of stone and to be not less than eighteen inches square in the clear: all side walls of said sluices must be two feet thick and well founded and all covering stone are to be at least four inches thick and three feet long: all embankments and excavations unless protected by substantial -



retaining walls are to be constructed with  
side slopes of one and half horizontal to one  
perpendicular foot. - if retaining walls are  
erected on any portion of the route, said walls  
must be built with one inch slope to one foot  
rise - substantial railing will be required  
at all points where the public safety shall  
appear to require to render the same necessary.  
said railing must be of chestnut, and the  
poles not less than four inches in diameter  
at the small end and the posts not less  
than six inches in diameter at the small  
end. said posts to be firmly placed in the  
ground and the poles to be placed securely  
on the top of the same two and half feet from  
the ground: - stones may be substituted for  
posts if the authorities of the town should  
so elect, in that case the stones must be  
sufficiently drilled to admit iron bolts to the  
depth of three inches. all the work in the  
construction of the above named highway  
is to be done in a thorough skillful and  
workmanlike manner and to the acceptance  
of the County Commissioners on or before  
the first day of September 1857 -

All trees and fences and other obstructions  
must be removed from the premises on  
or before the first day of April next: -

After hearing all persons interested in damage  
the County Commissioners have awarded to  
the following persons the claims damages  
the sums affixed to their names

To George P. Wright 8 square rods of land  
and moving 16 rods of fence

George P. Wright 81 sq rods cut lot + fencing \$50.82

Gardner Hens 5 1/4 sq rods and fencing \$25.00

Barnes Old 11 1/2 sq rods and fencing \$60.00

No one else appearing to claim damage of  
the Commissioners: no further damage was  
allowed. Alford Homer one of the County  
Commissioners being unable to attend himself



G. White one of the Special Commissioners after being duly notified appeared and acted in his stead

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

Chas. H. Merrick In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
vs. Peter Fox Hillway Your petitioners Inhabitants of the Town of  
in Monson Monson, would respectfully represent that

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The public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed - Beginning near the Monson Bank in said Monson, thence running Northerly near Monson Depot, and intersecting the Road leading from Timothy Packards Store to Monson Depot - and as in duty bound will ever pray. -

Monson April 29<sup>th</sup> 1856. Chas. H. Merrick & others.  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six and by adjournment on the thirteenth day of May A.D. 1856 at which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the premises applicant and proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Depot of Patrons Villamant and New London Rail Road Company in Monson on Wednesday the Eighteenth day of June next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy upon the clerk of the town of Monson in said County thirty days, at least, before the said Eighteenth day of June and that all other



persons and corporations interested therein be  
notified by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican  
a public newspaper printed in said County.  
three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of  
said view. And it was further ordered by  
the Commissioners, that copies of said petition  
or abstracts containing the substance thereof  
and this order be posted up by said Sheriff  
or deputy, in two public places in the town of  
Monson fourteen days before said Eighteenth  
day of June and that notice be given in  
maner aforesaid to all persons and corporations  
interested, that the County Commissioners deem  
a view of the premises expedient and proper,  
and that a view of the same will be taken  
by them at the time and place aforesaid.  
and this petition was continued from meeting  
to meeting to the meeting of the County Commis-  
sioners held in said County on the first  
Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, and  
the Sheriff of said County made his return  
as follows:-

Hampden ss. May 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerk of  
Monson with an attested copy of this  
petition and order by giving the same to  
him and also posted up in two public  
places in said town, an abstract containing  
the substance of said petition more than  
14 days before the time of said meeting

N. Butler Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners  
made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield  
in said County, on the second Tuesday of April



in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six -

on the petition of Charles H. Merrick et al then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed, Beginning near the Monson Bank in said Monson thence running Northwely near Monson Depot and intersecting the road leading from Timothy Packard Stone to Monson Depot - And as in duty bound wills ever pray - Monson April 29<sup>th</sup> 1856

Charles H. Merrick et al

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises adjacent, appointed Wednesday, the eighteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Depot of the Palmer Villamanta and New London Road in Monson as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Monson being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same,



The Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said crew; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted.

Oliver Homer } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners  
Henry Fuller }

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged of common convenience and necessity, at which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Monson Hotel in Monson on Wednesday the twelfth day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of November. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Monson with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Monson fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may



them and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road, - and this petition was continued to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -

Hampden, ss. October 11<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerk of Monson with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

Edmund Bliss, Spt Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six and by adjournment to the thirteenth day of May then next -

On the petition of Charles H. Merrick and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed, beginning near the Monson Bank, in said Monson - thence running Northerly near Monson Depot and intersecting the road leading from Jerrisethy Packards store to Monson Depot - and as in duty bound will ever pray  
Monson April 29<sup>th</sup> 1856. Chas H. Merrick & others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the eighteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the



forenoon, at the Monson Depot in Monson as  
the time and place for viewing the premises;  
and caused a copy of said petition to be  
served upon the clerk of the town of Monson  
being the town within which such Highway  
is situated as prayed for, thirty days at least  
before the time appointed for said view; and  
also caused abstracts of said petition, containing  
the substance thereof, to be posted in two  
public places in said town; and also gave  
notice to all persons interested by causing  
a copy of said petition to be published  
three weeks successively in the Springfield  
Republican a newspaper published in  
said County. Said posting and the last  
publication of said copy having been fourteen  
days at least before the time appointed for  
said view; and before said view was had,  
said Commissioners gave notice in like  
manner as described in the foregoing  
notice of the petition to all persons interested,  
of the time and place for commencing said view.  
And on the said eighteenth day of June the  
Commissioners met at the time and place  
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,  
and having viewed the same, the further  
consideration thereof was deferred till the  
next regular meeting of the Commissioners,  
held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first  
Tuesday of October then next at which meeting  
the parties were heard, and after the hearing,  
said Commissioners proceeded to consider  
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said  
petition, and after considering the same,  
said Commissioners did adjudge that the  
prayer of the petitioners should be granted  
and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said  
Commissioners appointed Wednesday the twelfth  
day of November then next and view was  
in the forenoon, at the Monson Hotel in  
said Monson as the time and place when



and where they would meet and proceed to locate and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for Locating in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view / except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof / on the said twelfth day of November met and proceeded to locate as follows - " Beginning at a Stone Monument two and a half rods from the Stone Wall standing North of the Monson Bank, thence running North forty nine degrees East twelve rods and eight links to a stone Monument, thence North four and a quarter degrees West, Seventy one rods and five links to a stone Monument, thence North twenty degrees West seven rods and fifteen links to a stone Monument, thence North thirteen degrees East eight rods and eight links to a stone Monument at the corner of Stephen Tobey's land the line now is on the West or left hand side and the road is laid two and a half rods wide - On the first section there is to be a stone Bridge or Culvert with an opening four feet square: the rise near the beginning of the second section is not to exceed a grade of more than two and a half degrees - On the second section there are to be two stone sluices not less than two feet square - a gate of two feet at a place designated by a stake, five rods from the wall on Alfred Norcross lot will be required and a cut of two feet at the wall on the Corporation lot - the grade to be made uniform and not to exceed three degrees - at any point on this location where the public safety may require a railing, the same must be constructed of sound chestnut posts not less than eight inches in diameter at the small end, firmly set in the ground, with suitable chestnut railing



secondly fastened to the post, all materials used in the construction of the foregoing highway are to be well adapted to the purposes to which they are applied, and the construction of the road must be performed in a sturdy and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July next (1857). Having made the location as above described and having heard all persons and corporations interested in the matter of damages occasioned by said locating we have awarded to J. H. Flint the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars - to Alfred Norcross one hundred and twenty five dollars and to Albert Norcross one hundred dollars. - No other person appearing to claim damage it is considered that no other person or Corporation are entitled to receive

Alfred Horner } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners  
Henry Fuller }

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

Estimate of Taxes for the County of  
Hampden for the Year 1857 prepared  
by the County Commissioners Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1856  
for payment of Jurors of the General Court \$3550.00  
" " " Sheriff's Court Messengers for Court 2100.00  
" " " Services of Prisoners 200.00  
" " " Inquests 250.00  
" " " Clerks of Court 300.00  
" " " Criminal Bills 6600.00  
" " " County & Special Commissioners 1600.00  
" " " Commissioners 27.00  
" " " Committees, Surveyors, Attorneys &c 300.00  
" " " Land damages for Highways 3000.00  
" " " Road Bridge Monuments &c 250.00



For Payment of Printing Stationery Blank Books	\$ 850.00
" " " Repair of Building Furniture &c	500.00
" " " Fuel & lights for County buildings	800.00
" " " Board of prisoners above earnings	7000.00
" " " Building clothing and incidental expense of first house of correction	600.00
" " " Officers of House of Correction	150.00
" " " Chaplains to " " "	150.00
" " " County Treasurer's Services	4000.00
" " " Assistant Jailor and matron	800.00
" " " Support of erecting New work house	3775.00
Making a total of thirty three thousand dollars	\$ 33,000.00
Alfred Horner } County	
Francis Brewer } Commissioners	

Ordered that the compensation of the Rev. Mr. Jordan as Chaplain to the House of Correction from and after the first of July 1857 be at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum.

Sundry accounts against the County being now presented for allowance amounting to the sum of one thousand two hundred and twenty seven dollars and twenty nine cents are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden Co. March 10<sup>th</sup> 1857

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Geo S Morn's Clerk



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London  
and  
Paris

by New  
York  
Twenty  
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Long  
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City





Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the fourteenth day of the month to the fifteenth day of the month and by adjournment on the twenty ninth day of said month and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Present Francis Brewer Esq Chairman

Henry Fuller " County

Henry P. Brown - Commissioners

John S. Abbee Esq Petitioner  
for alter & repairs of Highway  
in Chicopee Spring  
field 2

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The Subscribers Citizens of Chicopee Falls and other  
Places in said County respectfully represent that portions  
of the road leading from Chicopee Falls to Springfield  
terminating at the foot of the hill leading from  
Chestnut Street to Liberty Street are very sandy and  
the hill near the house of John S. Abbee is steep  
and soft. They therefore request you to view the same  
and order such hardening grading straightening and  
alterations as the wants of the public may be  
known to require.

John S. Abbee and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the  
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four  
at which meeting the Commissioners, during a  
view of the premises expedient and proper, gave  
notice that they would meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the dwelling house of John S. Abbee in  
Springfield on Friday the twenty seventh day of October  
next, at nine o'clock, A. M. and it was ordered  
by the County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or  
his Deputy upon the clerks of the town of Chicopee  
and of the city of Springfield in said County, thirty



days at least before the said 27<sup>th</sup> day of October  
and that all other persons and corporations interested  
therein be notified by publishing a copy of said  
petition and this order thereon in the Springfield  
Republican a public newspaper printed in said  
county. Three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
view. And it was further ordered by the  
Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or  
abstracts containing the substance thereof and  
this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy,  
in two public places in the towns of Chicopee and  
Springfield fourteen days before said 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
October - and that notice be given in manner  
aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested,  
that the County Commissioners deem a view of  
the premises expedient and proper, and that a  
view of the same will be taken by them at the  
time and place aforesaid. And this petition  
was continued to the meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the  
first Tuesday of October in the year Eighteen-  
hundred and fifty four - and by adjournment on  
the seventh day of November A.D. 1854. And the

Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
Hampden, ss. September 26<sup>th</sup> 1854. I then made  
service of this process by delivering to the town  
clerk of Chicopee and City clerk of Springfield  
to each a true copy of the petition and order  
thereon and posting up in two public places  
in Chicopee, and also in the City of Springfield  
copies of said petition and abstract containing  
the substance of said order as within directed.

Patrick Boies, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made  
their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of  
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in  
said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the



year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four - On the petition of John S. Abbe & others there presented to said commissioners, representing and setting forth that portions of the road leading from Cheshire Falls to Springfield terminating at the foot of the hill leading from Chestnut Street to Liberty Street are very sandy and the hill near the house of John S. Abbe is steep and soft - they therefore request you to view the same and order such hardening, grading, straightening and alterations as the wants of the public may be shown to require -

John S. Abbe & others

as by said petition on file will appear.

The commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the twenty seventh day of October then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of John S. Abbe in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Cheshire and of the City of Springfield being the towns within which said Road was situated prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Cheshire and Springfield said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had. Said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty seventh day of October the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and



having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. Wm B. Calhoun not being able to attend due notice was given to Mr. G. White one of the Special Commissioners appeared and acted in his stead -

Almond Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioners

wherein report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations and repairs as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity - and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five at which meeting the commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of John B. Abbe in Springfield on Tuesday the eighteenth day of November next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and repairs by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of November. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerks of the town of Chicopee and of the City of Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof



in two public places in said town of Chicopee and city of Springfield - fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of November at which time the said commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. —

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of said order make his return as follows —

Hampden. ss.                      October 18<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the city clerk of Springfield also the town clerk of Chicopee each with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to them and also posted up in two public places in said city and town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

R. Cutter Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden. ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four on the petition of J. S. Abbe then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that portions of the road leading from Chicopee Falls to Springfield terminating at the foot of the Hill leading from Chestnut Street to Liberty Street are very sandy and the Hill near the House of John D. Abbe is steep and soft, they therefore request you to view the same and order such grading, straightening, and alterations as the wants of the public may be shown to require.

John D. Abbe & others —



as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed Friday, the twenty seventh day  
of October then next and near 1 o'clock in the  
forenoon, at the house of John S. Abbe in Springfield  
as the time and place for viewing the premises;  
and caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the clerks of the town of Chicopee and of  
the city of Springfield being the towns within  
where such repairs and alterations prayed for,  
thirty days at least before the time appointed for  
said view; and also caused abstracts of said  
petition, containing the substance thereof, to be  
posted in two public places in Chicopee & the city  
of Springfield, said towns; and also gave notice to  
all persons interested by causing a copy of said  
petition to be published three weeks successively in  
the Springfield Republican a newspaper published  
in said county; said posting and the last publication  
of said copy having been fourteen days at least  
before the time appointed for said view; and  
before said view was had, said Commissioners  
gave notice in like manner as described in  
the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons  
interested, of the time and place for commencing  
said view.

And on the said twenty seventh day of October  
the Commissioners met at the time and place  
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,  
and having viewed the same, the further  
consideration thereof was deferred till an  
adjourned meeting of the Commissioners, held  
at Springfield aforesaid, on the seventh day of  
November then next at which meeting the  
parties were heard, and after the hearing said  
Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge  
upon the prayer of said petition, and after  
considering the same, said Commissioners did  
adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners  
should be granted. And after adjudging  
as aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October, A.D.



1856 said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the eighteenth day of November then next an Election held in the forenoon, at the house of John S. Abbe in said Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said alterations and repairs and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said meeting and purpose in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said eighteenth day of November met and proceeded to locate as follows

» "Beginning at a Granite Stone Fence Post on the Easterly side of Chestnut Street standing in the Northwestern corner of Levi W. Parth's door yard, and thence run North  $51\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  East Eighty four rods Eight links to a stone monument - thence North Fifty one degrees thirty five minutes East  $71$  Rods 8 links to a stone monument - thence North thirty six and a half degrees East thirty rods eight links to a stone monument by E. N. Haywards Passage way, thence North  $19$  degrees five minutes East forty eight rods ten links to stone monument at the line of division between lands of J. B. Vinton and G. W. Swazey, thence North  $20$  degrees fifty minutes East forty two Rods eleven links to the North westerly corner of the Catholic Cemetery on the Easterly side of Armony Street thence North six degrees thirty five minutes East three hundred thirty seven Rods to a stone monument: the street thus far being laid on the westerly or left hand side of the line above described, then crossing the road way westerly at right angles with the line last mentioned and running from a stone monument three rods distant from the monument last mentioned, North sixteen and one quarter degrees - East twelve rods three links to a stone monument on land of John S. Abbe, the street on this course being laid on the Easterly or right hand side of the same, and the whole distance



being laid thus far, three rods wide: thence  
running from the stone last mentioned North  
twenty seven and one half degrees East. Eighty  
eight rods twenty one links across Hogpen Single  
Brook, partly on land of said Abbe to a stone  
monument, thence North thirty one degrees -  
forty minutes East. thirty eight rods five links  
to a stone monument, on the line between  
Springfield and Chicopee the road the whole  
distance to be three rods wide: at the Brook  
in Hogpen Single there is to be a suitable bridge  
or culvert and a fill of ten feet from the  
Bank of said Brook, the grade is to be made  
uniform to the top of the Hill each way, the  
grade on the north to extend to the stone  
monument on the west side of the road before  
running out. - The road bed to be not less  
than twenty feet wide: the angle of the grade  
at the Brook is to be so filled as to make easy  
passing: the Hills each way from the Brook  
to be well hardened with suitable material  
not less than ten inches thick on the road bed.

Also on the soft or sandy portions of the road  
South of Mr Seaborn's House. - Suitable and  
substantial railing to be erected whenever necessary  
to protect the public travel the rails to be chestnut  
and not less than 4 inches diameter at the small  
end - All excavations and embankments are  
to be made with a slope of one and a half  
feet run to one foot rise. The whole to be  
done in a substantial and workman like  
manner, and to the acceptance of the County  
Commissioners on or before the first day of  
June next. - Having located said Highway

and heard all persons who desired to be  
heard upon the question of damage the  
Commissioners proceeded to estimate the same  
as follows viz -

To John D. Abbe Twenty five dollars \$25.00  
Francis Brewer Esq. one of the Commissioners  
being disqualified to act on this petition



Daniel G. White Esq. one of the Special Commissioners was duly notified by the other Commissioners and acted in his stead.

Almond Homer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway. —

Chester Crafts Esq  
Petition for a town way  
in Holyoke

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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Your petitioners herewith annex a petition from  
Frank H. Blodgett and others to the Selectmen of  
the town of Holyoke praying that a road or  
highway be laid out as petitioned for by C. Crafts  
and others to the Selectmen, and after their refusal  
to lay said road your petitioners would most  
respectfully ask your Hon Board to view and  
locate said road, commencing near the house  
of Chester Crafts and running in an easterly  
direction - and intersect Dwight Street near the house  
of L. A. Labor.

Holyoke Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1856. Chester Crafts & others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the first Tuesday of October in the  
year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six  
at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming  
a view of the premises expedient and proper  
gave notice that they would meet for the purpose  
of said view, at the dwelling house of Chester  
Crafts in Holyoke on Thursday the thirteenth  
day of November next, at nine o'clock A. M.  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the  
Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County,  
thirty days, at least, before the said thirteenth day  
of November and that all other persons and  
corporations interested therein be notified, by  
publishing a copy of said petition and this order



thereon, in the Springfield Argus a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said thirtieth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, and this petition was continued, to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows, —

Hampden, ss. October 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

N. Cutler, Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six. On the petition of Chester Crafts and others there presented to said Commissioners,



representing and setting forth that. Your petitioners herewith annex a petition from Frank H. Blodgett and others to the Selectmen of the town of Holyoke, praying that a road or highway be laid out as petitioned for by Crafts and others to the Selectmen, and after their refusal to lay said road, Your petitioners would most respectfully ask your Hon Board to view and locate said road, commencing near the house of Chester Crafts, and running in an easterly direction - and intersect Dwight Street near the house of L. A. Sabor

Holyoke Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1856 Chester Crafts & others as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the thirteenth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such road or highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Holyoke said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Argus a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners



then determined to hear the parties at the same  
time of said writ; and having heard the parties,  
said commissioners then proceeded to consider  
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said  
petition; and after considering the same, said  
commissioners did then and there adjudge that  
common convenience and necessity require,  
that the prayer of the petitioners should in  
part be granted.

Alfred Homer } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners  
Henry Fuller }

which report being read and considered  
was accepted and the road as specified in  
said report adjudged of common convenience  
and necessity; at which meeting the commission  
ordered, that notice be given to all persons and  
corporations interested therein, that said commis-  
sioners would meet at Crafts Hotel in Holyoke  
on Tuesday the seventh day of April next, at  
nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of  
locating said road by publishing an abstract  
of said petition and this order thereon, in the  
Springfield Argus a public newspaper printed  
in said County, three weeks successively, the  
last publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the said seventh day of April - And it was  
further ordered by the County Commissioners, that  
the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve  
the clerk of the town of Holyoke with a copy  
of said petition and this order thirty days at  
least - and post up abstracts containing the substance  
thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke  
fourteen days at least before the said seventh  
day of April - at which time the said Commission  
will proceed to locate said road - and will  
hear all persons and corporations interested  
therein who may then and there desire to  
be heard, and assess such damages as  
in their opinions may be just and proper,  
by reason of the location of said road.



and this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -

"Hampden Co. Suburban Co<sup>th</sup> 1857  
I served the town clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

P. G. Marsh, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six - on the petition of Chester Crafts and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that - Your petitioners herewith annex a petition from Frank H. Blodgett and others to the Selectmen of the town of Holyoke praying that a road or highway be laid out as petitioned for by C Crafts and others to the Selectmen; and after their refusal to lay said road, Your petitioners would most respectfully ask Your Hon<sup>le</sup> Board to view and locate said road commencing near the house of Chester Crafts, and running in an easterly direction and intersect Dwight Street near the house of S. A. Labor -

Holyoke Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1856 Chester Crafts & others  
as by said petition ore file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the thirtieth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served



upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which such road or Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Argus a newspaper published in said County. Said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the seventh day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chas. Crafts in said Holyoke as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish said road and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said meeting and purpose in



the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided. before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twentieth day of April met and proceeded to locate the said road as a town way as follows - Commencing at a stone monument on the Easterly side of the County road leading from Northampton to Springfield near Crafts Hotel, and bearing from the South Easterly corner of the same South sixty one and one third degrees East, four rods and sixteen links, then running South Eighty three and a half degrees East one hundred and sixteen rods and six links to a stone. Then South Eighty two degrees East, fifty five rods and nine links to a stone - Then South Eighty three and a half degrees East Twenty four rods and ten links to a stone near the North Easterly corner of Geo. C. Curing dwelling house lot. - Then South Eighty two and three quarter degrees East twenty three rods and twenty three links to a stone - in range of the Easterly side of Brooks Holcotts dwelling house. Then South Eighty two degrees East Twenty three rods and fourteen links to a stone - Then South forty six and three quarter degrees East six rods to a point opposite a stone monument on line of Hadley Falls Companys land - The lines are run in the center, and the monuments are set on the southerly side of the highway at right angles with the lines as run, and the highway is located three rods wide including all the land owned by Geo. C. Curing lying between the northerly line of said highway, and the southerly line of Luther A. Labors house lot, making the Highway one hundred and three and a half feet in width measured in range of the aforesaid Companys line at the point of junction with Dwight Street, and abutting said Companys land. The following directions and requirements are to be observed in the construction of the road bed on the foregoing Survey - viz: The road bed is to be constructed in the center of the location twenty feet



under exclusive of the side ditches. All that part  
of the road bed - which is sandy must have a  
covering of hardening not less than eight inches  
thick and the same must be made sufficiently  
strong to carry all accumulating water directly  
to the side ditches. At a point centrally between  
stations one and two a fill of one foot will be  
required. and the grade must be made uniform  
from the top of said fill to points fifty feet from  
the same in either direction. At a point centrally  
between stations three and four, a little fill and  
grade will be required. At a point opposite  
station five, a fill of three feet will be required  
and the grade must be made uniform from the  
top of the fill to a point one hundred feet westerly,  
and also to a point two hundred and fifty feet  
easterly of the fill. At a point centrally between  
stations ten and eleven a fill and grade similar  
to that between stations one and two will be  
required - At a point opposite station fifteen  
a fill of four feet will be required, and the  
grade is to be made uniform from the top of the  
fill to a point one hundred feet westerly, and  
also to a point three hundred and seventy five feet  
easterly of the same. At a point opposite station  
twenty a cut of one and a half feet will be  
required, and the grade is to be made uniform  
from the bottom of the cut to a point one  
hundred feet westerly, and also to a point  
two hundred and fifty feet easterly of the cut.  
At a point opposite station twenty six a fill  
and grade similar to that between stations one  
and two will be required. Opposite station thirty  
three a cut of four feet will be required, and  
the grade must be made uniform from the  
bottom of the said cut to a point one hundred  
and fifty feet easterly of the cut and also  
one hundred feet westerly from the same -  
Shells will be required at all points where  
it may be necessary to convey the water from  
one side of the road bed to the other. The bed



of the road on the last course must be constructed with a regular curve, so as to connect with bright street, without impediment to the travel on the road — Good and substantial railing will be required at all points on the highway where the public safety shall appear to render the same necessary — The above mentioned stations are the level stations and commence on the Eastern line of Northampton and Springfield road above mentioned and are set on the Southernly side of the present road bed at distances of one hundred feet from each other, —

The execution of the construction of the above road must be done in a faithful and workmanlike manner. The materials used must be of the best kind and adequate to the purposes to which they are applied — After hearing all persons and Corporations interested in damages — and no person appearing to claim damages — none have been awarded all fences or other obstructions to the free execution of this order must be removed by the first day of July next. And the road must be built and finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October Eighteen hundred and fifty seven. —

Francis Brewer }

Henry Fuller }

Henry P. Benson }

County

Commissioners

whose report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway.

In conformity with a resolve of the general Court passed at their present session March 17<sup>th</sup> 1857 granting a tax of thirty three thousand dollars for the County of Hampden the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following: —

Blandford	\$793.57	Chuster	677.85
Brownfield	967.18	Whicopee	4976.46



Granville	\$ 603.45	Holyoke	\$ 2661.85
Holland	223.19	Longmeadow	1165.59
Ludlow	669.59	Monson	1363.92
Montgomery	231.46	Russell	256.36
Palmers	1843.44	Southwick	768.79
Springfield	9175.86	Wat. Springfield	2314.63
Tolland	297.59	Westfield	3347.70
Wales	338.92	Willbraham	1322.64
	<u>\$ 15144.27</u>		<u>\$ 17855.73</u>
			<u>\$ 33000.00</u>

and warrants have been issued dated the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1857. directed to the selectmen or assessors of the several towns in the county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and requiring their collector or constables to collect the same, and pay the same to Norman Norton Bay County Treasurer, or his successor, or order, by the last day of August ensuing, as the law directs -

The County Treasurer is allowed to borrow a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars on anticipation of the County tax for the use of the County and to give note therefor

The following persons are licensed as innkeepers.  
(April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 1857)

Samuel M. Cooley	2 <sup>d</sup> Warrens House	Westfield
Nelson S. Foster	House N. of N. R. R. formerly Centine House	"
John Shepard	3 <sup>d</sup> East of Hampden Barrack	"
Levi Brown	6 Parish	Granville
Walter Craft	Crafts Hotel	Holyoke
Rufus Mosher	Holyoke House	"
Elisba Kimney	West of meeting house	Holland
Alfred Barnard	Pine Road house N. of N. R. R.	Westfield

(April 29, 1857)

Henry H. Loomis		Russell
Warren F. Tarball	at his house	Princeton
Lyman Miller Jr	(May 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Palmox



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\$3010.63

undry accounts against the County being  
now presented for allowance amounting to  
the sum of Three thousand and two dollars  
and sixty three cents are allowed and ordered  
to be paid from the County treasury

Hampden Co. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1857. Judgment is entered  
up according to reports &c and all matters not  
acted upon are ordered to be continued and  
this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Geo Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County  
Commissioners begun and holden at  
Springfield within and for the County of  
Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June  
being the twenty third day of the month to the  
twenty fourth day of the month and by  
adjournment on the tenth day of July to  
the eleventh day of said month of July  
and by adjournment on the fourth day  
of August to the fifth day of said month  
of August and by adjournment on the  
first day of September in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty seven

Present

Francis Brewer Esq }  
Henry Fuller " } County  
Henry F. Brown " } Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden the Petitioners say  
The subscribers respectfully represent that the Pet for a H. way  
public convenience and necessity require that in Holyoke  
a highway should be laid out and established  
beginning at the highway that runs North  
from West Springfield Meeting House at a  
point between Elys Tannery and Jones Ferry  
thence running Northerly a little West of  
the West bend of the Connecticut river to  
a point near the Day house owned by the  
Hadley Falls Co. thence intersecting with the  
highway leading from Island Falls to  
Holyoke and following near that highway  
to the turn near the brick yard thence running  
easterly on land of the Hadley Falls Co till it connects  
with a street nearly graded and called  
Main Street and thence following on said  
Main Street North till it intersects with Race  
Street. Also that the present highway from the



turn near the brick yard Northward till it intersects with the old highway leading to the Swing Ferry should be discontinued. They therefore pray that after due proceedings the same may be done.

Olis Holmes and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four. and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five. At which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Rail Road Station in Holyoke on Wednesday the sixth day of June next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said sixth day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Holyoke Mirror a public Newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said sixth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested. That the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them



at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition  
was returned from meeting to meeting to the  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden for  
said County on the First Tuesday of October in the  
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five.  
and the Sheriff of said County made his return  
as follows "I served the towns blert of Holyoke  
with an attested copy of this petition and order  
by giving the same to him, and also posted up  
in two public places in said town an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition more  
than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

N. Butler Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made  
their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in  
said County on the Second Tuesday of April in  
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty five. - On the petition of Ois Holmes  
and others there presented to said Commissioners,  
representing and setting forth that the public  
convenience and necessity require that a highway  
should be laid out and established, beginning  
at the highway that runs North from West  
Springfield Meeting House at a point between  
Ely's Livery and Jones Ferry thence running  
Northwardly a little west of the West bend of the  
Connecticut River to a point near the Bay  
House owned by the Hadley Falls Co. thence  
intersecting with the highway leading from  
Island Parish to Holyoke and following near  
that highway to the turn near the Brick Yard  
thence running Easterly on land of the Hadley Falls  
Co till it connects with a street nearly graded  
and called Main Street and thence following  
on said Main Street North till it intersects  
with Race Street: also that the present highway  
from the turn near the Brick Yard, Northward



till it intersects with the old highway leading to the Ferry should be discontinued. They therefore pray that after due proceedings the same may be done.

Otis Holmes and others as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the sixth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Rail Road Station in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such highway prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Mirror a newspaper published in said County. Said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in part.



Alfred Homer } County  
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners  
Francis Brewer }

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity - at which meeting the commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners will meet at the Holyoke House in Holyoke on Thursday the twenty second day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty second day of November. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Holyoke, with a copy of said petition and this order, twenty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke fourteen days at least before the said 22<sup>d</sup> day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -

Hampden Co. October 20<sup>th</sup> 1855  
I served the town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition, and order by giving



the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

W. Cutler, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs

David Smith & als  
Petrs for recording  
an order for construction  
of roads in Huntington  
& discontinuance of  
said roads

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
The subscribers request that certain highways formerly in the town of Chester, now in the town of Norwich or Huntington one of said roads beginning at R. L. J. Comings house thence pass & Maslionshopeland house to the old Blanford line. The other beginning at R. Road crossing near Munson stone thence pass - Julius Wares house, and across Garry Munson land to the highway near his Raymond house so called, are unnecessary and expensive and onerous to the inhabitants of the town of Chester, and that they ought not to be compelled to make the same.

They therefore pray that the County Commissioners will view the premises and record an order for the construction of said road, and that they will discontinue said roads or pass such other orders, as shall be lawful and proper in the premises

Chester March 18<sup>th</sup> 1855 David Smith and others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. -  
And now the Commissioners order this petition to be dismissed without costs.

Chester Crafts & als  
Petr for repairs of  
H. way in Holyoke

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The subscribers Citizens of Holyoke in said County represent that the present travelled road leading from the house of Chester Crafts, Easterly and



intersecting Dwight Street in said Holyoke,  
which road is now upon the petition of said  
Crafts before your consideration: requesting  
that the same may be located and established  
as a public road, is out of repair very badly  
and the grade of the hills too heavy and steep.  
We therefore request that after viewing the  
premises, if the road should be located and  
established by your Honorable Board upon the  
petition of said Crafts and others as a public  
road, that you will order such repairs and  
grading of the hills as the public safety and  
convenience require and cause the same to  
be executed and completed as soon as may  
be expedient.

Holyoke, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1856. Chester Crafts and others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the First Tuesday of October in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty six. And this petition was continued  
from meeting to meeting to this meeting. -  
And now the Commissioners order this petition  
to be dismissed without costs.

Swearing accounts against the County being  
presented for allowance amounting to the sum  
of two thousand twenty eight dollars and  
sixty three cents are allowed and ordered \$2028.63  
to be paid out of the County Treasury

The following persons are allowed the sums  
set against their respective names in full  
for damages to land taken for highways -  
and the same amounting to eight hundred  
twenty four dollars and thirty two cents are  
ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

Petition of Charles H. Merriett & al.

J. R. Flint

\$150.00



Alfred Norcross	125.00
Albert Norcross	100.00
Petition of John Wyles & al	
George P. Wright	50.00
The Gardner Hires	225.00
Barnes Olds	60.00
Petition of John S. Abbe & al	
John S. Abbe	25.00
Petition of Samuel Shaw & al Cyrus Hox	30.00
Petition of Hinesdale Smith July 10	
Oliver P. Olds (lands now owned by R. A. Smith)	15.00
Petition of Loomis Halcomb (Aug 2)	
Isabiah Clapp	27.50
Moses Herrick	10.00
Radolphus Whitaker	8.00
Petition of Avery Herrick	
Avery Herrick	8.00

In this case no damages were allowed in the report but were awarded at this term.

~~Hampden Co. September 1<sup>st</sup> 1857~~

~~Judgment is entered up according to reports &c. and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.~~

At the adjourned meeting of the said County Commissioners holden on the fourth and fifth days of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven. It is Ordered, That the County of Hampden be divided into the following districts for the purpose of choosing members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

District No. 1. The towns of Brimfield, Monson, Holland and Uxley, containing nine hundred and eighty legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number one, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.



District No. 2. - The town of Palmer, containing eight hundred and five legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Two, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 3. - The towns of Bulbraken and Longmeadow, containing seven hundred and twenty-five legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Three, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 4. - The first and second wards of the city of Springfield, containing two hundred and sixty-seven legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Four, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 5. - The third and fourth wards of the city of Springfield, containing eight hundred and nineteen legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Five, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 6. - The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth wards of the city of Springfield, containing eight hundred and fifty legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Six, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 7. - The towns of Chicopee and Ludlow, containing fourteen hundred and sixty-six legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Seven, and shall be entitled to elect two representatives.

District No. 8. - The towns of Holyoke and West Springfield, containing eight hundred and seventy-nine legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Eight, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 9. - The towns of Agawam, Southwick and Granville, containing eight hundred and eighty-five legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Nine, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

District No. 10. - The town of Westfield, containing nine hundred and ninety-five legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Ten.



and shall be entitled to elect one representative.  
District No 11. - The towns of Chester, Blandford, Tolland, Montgomery, and Russell, containing more than hundred and thirty-one legal voters, shall form one district to be called District Number Eleven, and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

And, it is further ordered by the Commissioners aforesaid, that the place for the meeting of the clerks of the several towns in their respective representative districts, for the purpose of ascertaining the result of elections shall be as follows (to wit):

For District Number One. - at the Selectmens Office in Brimfield.

For District Number Three. - at the House now occupied by Henry, L. Corbitt in Longmeadow, East Parish.

For District Number Seven. - at the Town Clerks Office in Chicopee.

For District Number Eight. - Town Clerks Office in West Springfield.

For District Number Nine. - at the Town Hall in Southwick.

For District Number Eleven. - at the Town House in Blandford.

Hampden ss September 1<sup>st</sup> 1857

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Geo. B. Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden. ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
begun and holden at Springfield: within and for  
the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of  
October being the sixth day of the month to the  
seventh day of the month, and by adjournment  
on the twenty first day of said month to the  
twenty second day of said month and by  
adjournment on the fifth day of November and  
by adjournment on the first day of December  
to the second day of said month of December  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty seven

Present, Francis Brewer, Esq. Chairman  
Henry Fuller " } County  
Henry F. Brown " } Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden W<sup>m</sup> S. Bowne & others  
Your petitioners the Selectmen of West Springfield Selectmen of West  
would represent that the report of the Commissioners Springfield Act  
on the petition of David Mossy and others comes for alterations of H. way  
= mencing near Roswell Kings, and extending Eastwardly in West Springfield  
to Springfield bridge, subjects the town to needless  
expense in the working of many parts of the  
road, and what the public convenience cannot  
reasonably require, We therefore pray your  
honorably body would view the same, and  
make such alterations in the entire road at  
any points that may be deemed on examination  
necessary: Also such alterations of grading  
and filling of the road as would be advisable,  
and that the low grade of the hill, may be  
so increased as to relieve the town in some  
measure of the heavy expense incidental on  
cutting and filling: and that the Stone  
culvert near the rock section West Springfield  
may be dispensed with, and abutment walls,  
and bridge substituted.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1854.

W<sup>m</sup> S. Bowne & others Selectmen of  
West Springfield



The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the second Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment on the seventh day of June. A.D. 1854 at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John Smith in West Springfield on Wednesday the second day of August next, at nine o'clock. A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said second day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield - fourteen days before said second day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden. ss June 29<sup>th</sup> 1854 I then made service



of this process by delivering to the Town Clerk of West-Springfield a true and attested copy of this petition, and the order of the County Commissioners thereon, and also by posting up in two public places in said West-Springfield copies of said petition, and abstracts of said order containing the substance thereof as within directed.

Patrick Boise, Sheriff,

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four, and by adjournment to the seventh day of June A.D. 1854. On the petition of William S. Boise and others, Selectmen of West-Springfield, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that - the report of the Commissioners on the petition of David Mosely and others commencing near Roswell Hings, and extending Eastwardly to Springfield Bridge, subjects the town to needless expense in the working of many parts of the road, and what the public convenience cannot reasonably require. We therefore pray your honorable body would view the same, and make such alterations in the entire road at any points that may be deemed on examination necessary; also such alterations of grading and filling of the road as would be advisable, and that the low grade of the hill may be so increased as to relieve the town in some measure of the heavy expense incidental on cutting and filling. And that the Stone Culvert near the rock section West-Springfield may be dispensed with, and abutment walls and bridge substituted.

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1854. W<sup>m</sup> S. Boise & others Selectmen of West-Springfield



as by said petition on file will appear.  
 The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed the second day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of John Smith in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield, leaving the town within which such alterations were prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in West Springfield, said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.  
 And on the said second day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted. This petition was then continued from term to term to the stated meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on Tuesday the seventh day of October 1856 at which meeting the adjudication as above was affirmed.  
 Altered Homer }



Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners

which report being read and considered, was accepted and the road in part, prayed for, adjudged of common convenience and necessity - At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that <sup>notice</sup> be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of John Smith in West Springfield on Wednesday the eleventh day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eleventh day of March, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least before the said eleventh day of March at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. - And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -

Hampden, ss. February 6<sup>th</sup> 1857. I have this day served the within notice by leaving an attested copy with White, Town Clerk of West Springfield and by posting up in two public places in said West Springfield two



attested copies of the within notice as directed within.

I. P. Rowland Deputy Sheriff.  
And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden. ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four and by adjournment to this seventh day of June 1854. — On the petition of William C. Bourne and others Selectmen of West Springfield then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that — That the report of the Commissioners on the petition of David Mosley and others commencing near Russell Kings and extending Eastwardly to Springfield Bridge subjects the Town to needless expense in the working of many parts of the road and what the public convenience cannot reasonably require; We therefore pray Your honorable body would view the same, and make such alterations in the entire road at any points that may be deemed on examination necessary; Also such alterations of grading and filling of the road as would be advisable and that the low grade of the hill may be so increased as to relieve the town in some measure of the heavy expense incidental on cutting and filling, and that the stone culvert near the rock station — West Springfield may be dispensed with, and abutment walls and bridge substituted.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1854.

W<sup>m</sup> C. Bourne & other Selectmen  
of West Springfield

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, <sup>on the</sup> second day of August then next and more or less in the forenoon, at the house of John Smith in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused



a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West-Springfield, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in West-Springfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said second day of August the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred to a regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of October 1856 - at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that - The prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted - and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Wednesday the Eleventh day of March then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John D. Smith in said West-Springfield, as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate said alterations and highway, and the said commissioners having



given notice of the adjudication and the time  
 and place appointed for said location and  
 alterations in the same manner as the notice  
 and publication was given and made, and  
 as is by law in such case made and provided,  
 before proceeding to view / except publishing an  
 abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof  
 on the said eleventh day of March and by  
 adjournment from meeting to meeting until  
 this sixth day of October 1867 met and proceeded  
 to locate and establish as follows "commencing  
 at a stone monument on the northerly side of  
 the county road leading from Westfield to Springfield,  
 at the junction of the road by John A. Smith's  
 dwelling house: thence running North Seventy  
 one and three quarter degrees East seventeen  
 rods and sixteen links to a stone; thence North  
 sixty three degrees East seven rods and twenty  
 links to a stone; thence North fifty nine and a  
 half degrees East forty one rods to a stone; thence  
 North seventy six and a quarter degrees East,  
 fifteen rods and sixteen links to a stone; thence  
 South seventy two and three quarter degrees  
 East twelve rods and three links to a stone:  
 A bridge will be required across Paucatus brook  
 on this course nine feet span, and twenty feet  
 wide measured transversely with the road bed,  
 and of sufficient height to meet the grade of  
 the road bed on either bank of the brook; the  
 abutment walls of the bridge are to be constructed  
 of stone of suitable and proper size and form,  
 not less than three and a half feet thick at  
 the bottom and two feet thick at the top, to be  
 well laid upon a firm foundation and be  
 protected by suitable living walls well secured.  
 The walls are to be surmounted by caps of  
 chestnut timber eight by ten inches square and  
 of suitable length to receive the ends of braces  
 for the support of the railing; the string pieces to  
 be of chestnut or oak timber and be covered  
 with three inch chestnut or oak plank; thence



South thirty six and a half degrees East six  
rods to a stone near the westerly side of the present  
Paucatus Hill road: Then South twenty seven and  
a quarter degrees East across said road five rods  
to a stone on land of E. Libbey: Then South sixteen  
and a quarter degrees East across Cabotville road  
six rods to a stone, Then South thirteen and  
three quarter degrees East twelve rods and twenty  
links to a stone: Then South two degrees East  
twelve rods and three links to a stone. -  
Then South six and quarter degrees East twelve  
rods and sixteen links to a stone. Then South  
fifteen and a half degrees East four rods  
and twenty links to a stone bearing from the  
South westerly corner of the School House,  
South fifty five degrees and ten minutes West  
three rods and three links: Then South  
forty eight and a quarter degrees East twenty  
seven rods to a stone: Then South forty degrees  
East across Frosts Brook thirty six rods  
and twelve links to a stone: a bridge will  
be required across Frosts Brook on this course  
similar in its construction and materials to  
that across the Paucatus, above described  
with the exception of three feet less span -  
Then South thirty eight and a quarter degrees  
East sixteen rods and fifteen links to a  
stone: the highway on this course is located  
three rods and seventeen links wide at the  
commencement and four rods and ten  
links wide at the end. Then South forty  
one and a half degrees East nine rods and  
nine links to a stone, the highway on this  
course is four rods and ten links wide at  
the commencement, and four rods and  
six links at the end with straight side lines  
to the last two courses - Then South forty five  
degrees East fifteen rods and one link to a  
stone monument in range of the easterly side  
of A. Libbey's door yard fence: the highway on  
this course is four rods and six links wide - The



Lines are run, and the monuments are set on the northwesterly or left hand side of the highway, and all that part of the road, the width of which is not herein before specifically described in width is located three rods wide. The following additional directions and specifications are given for the construction of the foregoing highway (to wit) at Station number two a fill of five feet on the road bed will be required. at Station No four a fill of four feet will be required. at Station No Eighteen a cut of twelve feet will be required. a uniform grade will be required from Station No one to the top of the fill at station No two, and also from the top of the fill at station No two to the top of the fill at station No four; also from the top of the fill at station No four to the bottom of the cut at station No Eighteen. and if economy of construction require it the last named grade may be continued to a point twenty five feet easterly of station No Eighteen, but no part of any grade westerly of the apex of the hill must exceed a grade of three and a quarter degrees. From station No eighteen or a point twenty five feet easterly of No Eighteen a nearly uniform grade will be required to station No twenty nine. and no part of any grade easterly of the apex of the hill will be allowed to exceed a grade of two and three quarter degrees. The stations above referred to are the level stations. No one station is situated on the high ground in Paucatus meadow westerly of the brook and No twenty nine is on the southwesterly side of the present road bed easterly of Foxe's Brook. The road bed is to be constructed as nearly in the center of location as practicable all short and irregular curves must be avoided; all rock and large stones to the depth of sixteen inches from the surface of the road bed are to be removed therefrom which will require additional cut in the rock section to that heretofore specified. and the cut in the rock section is to be twenty three feet wide in the clear the road bed when completed is to be not less than



twenty feet wide exclusive of the side ditches and to be made sufficiently broadening to convey all accumulating water directly to the side ditches, and all that part of the road which is sandy will require a covering of hardening not less than two inches deep on the road bed. Drains of sufficient capacity and well constructed of suitable material for such purpose, must be built at all points on the highway. Where it may be found necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other all of which must be constructed of stone. All excavations and embankments unless protected by retaining walls are to be constructed with side slopes of one and a half horizontal to one perpendicular foot. Substantial railing at all points along the road where the public safety may render the same necessary will be required to be constructed of good and sound chestnut or oak posts of not less than six inches diameter, to be securely bedded in the ground and leave two and half feet in clear above the surface of the ground. The railing to be of round chestnut timber not less than four inches in diameter at the smallest end to be firmly secured upon the top of the posts. And no railing to be lapped or splined together except upon a post and secured by an iron band. All the materials used in the construction of the above road must be well adapted to the purpose to which they are applied. And all the work performed must be done in a thorough, skillful and workmanlike manner. All timber, woods, fences or other obstacles to the free and unobstructed execution of the roads must be removed from the limits of the road on or before the first day of April 1857. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners aforesaid, that the following specific repairs and alterations must be executed and made at the Lathrop Hill so called. (to wit) The bed of the road must be reconstructed, so that the grade thereof shall be uniform from



a surface point. Three hundred feet Eastward of the center of the J. Bibbys present great gateway, and no part of the grade of said hill will be allowed to exceed five degrees. The road bed on the embankment must be made twenty feet wide exclusive of the side ditches. And the embankment and excavations are to be constructed with side slopes of one horizontal to one perpendicular foot. a good substantial railing will be here required, the posts to be of sound Chestnut or oak butts not less than six inches in diameter to be securely and firmly set in the ground, one foot at least in the clear from the outer edge of the embankment. The railing to be of sound Chestnut timber, and not less than four inches in diameter at the smallest end to be well fastened and secured to the posts in like manner as is described and specified in the preceding requirements. And it is further ordered, That the road from the top of Sathams Hill to the foot of Stebbins hill so called be thoroughly repaired. The road bed must in its entire length be at least twenty feet in width exclusive of side ditches and be sufficiently mended to convey the water to the side ditches, good and sufficient culverts must be placed at all points where the accumulating water may render the same necessary to convey the water from one side of the road to the other or from the sides thereof.

All the materials used in the construction and repairs of the Road, Bridges and Sluices must be well adapted to the purpose to which they are applied, and all the work must be done in a substantial, thorough and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November in the Year Eighteen Hundred and fifty Eight after making said Location and specific repairs as above ordered, and hearing all person interested who desired to be heard upon the question of damages. The Commissioners proceed to estimate the same and make awards as follows



to wit: to Riley Smith five Hundred dollars to  
John A. Smith one hundred and two dollars -  
Elijah Sibley appears and relinquishes all claims  
for damages and no other person appeared to  
claim damages and in the opinion of the commissioners  
none other are sustained -

Henry Fuller Esq. one of the County Commissioners  
present at the location of the highway above-  
described. Not agreeing with the other Commissioners  
declines to sign the above report -

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry S. Brown } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted & the road  
established as and for a public highway. -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Ashbel Easton &  
your petitioners inhabitants of the town of West Springfield for a new  
Springfield. would respectfully represent that Highway in West Springfield  
the public convenience and wants require that  
a road and highway should be laid out and  
constructed, beginning near the site of the  
old rail road station, in this town, and  
leading along the rail road, westerly, and in  
the vicinity thereof, northerly to the foot of  
Latham hill, in the neighborhood of Mr Sibley -  
Your petitioners would therefore ask that your  
Honors would view the premises and locate  
said road and highway, or any part thereof,  
according to the laws in such cases made and  
provided

Ashbel Easton & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the second Tuesday of April in the  
year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty  
seven - at which meeting the Commissioners,  
deeming a view of the premises expedient  
and proper, gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view, at the  
Agawam Hotel - in West Springfield on Friday  
the fifth day of June next, at nine o'clock  
A.M. and it was ordered by the County



Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County thirty days, at least, before the said fifth day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said fifth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued, to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows -

Hampden. ss. May 5<sup>th</sup> 1857. I this day delivered an attested copy of the within Petition and order, to Charles White he being clerk of the town of West Springfield, and have posted up an attested copy of the within, in two public places in West Springfield (to wit) at the Agawam Hotel, and at Bartholomew Hotel

Frederick Bush, D. Sheriff,

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in



said County, on the second Tuesday of April in  
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty  
seven - on the petition of Ashbel Easton - and  
others there presented to said Commissioners, representing  
and setting forth that Your petitioners Inhabitants  
of the town of West Springfield would respectfully  
represent that the public convenience and wants  
require that a road and highway should be  
laid out and constructed beginning near the  
site of the old Rail road Station in this town  
and leading along the rail road Westwardly and  
in the vicinity thereof Northwardly to the foot of  
Latham Hill in the neighborhood of Mr Sibleys -  
Your petitioners would therefore ask that Your  
Honors would view the premises and locate  
said road and highway or any part thereof  
according to the laws in such Cases made and  
provided.

Signed Ashbel Easton & others

as by said petition on file will appear. -

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Friday, the 5th  
day of June then next and nine o'clock in  
the forenoon, at the Agawam House in West  
Springfield as the time and place for viewing  
the premises; and caused a copy of said  
petition to be served upon the clerk of the  
town of West Springfield being the town within  
which such road and highway is prayed for,  
thirty days at least before the time appointed  
for said view; and also caused abstracts of  
said petition, containing the substance thereof  
to be posted on two public places in West Springfield  
said town; and also gave notice to all persons  
interested by causing a copy of said petition to be  
published three weeks successively in the Springfield  
Republican a newspaper published in said County,  
said posting and the last publication of said copy  
having been fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view; and before said view  
was had, said Commissioners gave notice in letter



manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
Henry F. Brown }

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for in part adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the Agawam Hotel in West Springfield on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of August, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate



as aforesaid - and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. July 31<sup>st</sup> 1857

I hereby certify that I received an attested copy of the within petition and order on the 10<sup>th</sup> of West Springfield and posted up like copies in two public places in West Springfield more than 14 days before the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1857.

J. Bush, S. Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven - on the petition of Ashbel Easton & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that - Your petitioners inhabitants of the town of West Springfield - would respectfully represent that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed beginning near the site of the old rail road station in this town, and leading along the rail road westerly and in the vicinity thereof, northerly to the foot of Latham Hill in the neighborhood of Mr Sibley - Your petitioners would therefore ask that your Honors would view the premises and locate said road and highway, or any part thereof, according to the laws in such cases made and provided

Ashbel Easton & others

as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises



expedient, appointed Friday the fifth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Agawam Hotel in said West Springfield - as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifth day of June the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Wednesday the twenty sixth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Agawam Hotel in said West Springfield as the time and place when and where they would met and proceed to locate said Highway in part and the said commissioners having given notice of the



adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty sixth day of August met and proceeded to locate said Highway in part and as follows (viz) Commencing at a stone monument standing opposite the North Westerly corner of the Agawam Canal Co's land, then running South Eighty four and three quarter degrees East on the Southerly line of Lots of the Agawam Canal Company sixty six rods and nineteen links to a stone monument. The line is run on the Northerly or left hand side of the Highway and the same is located three rods wide - and more of the distance from the North side of said road as located to the Western R.R. land will admit of the same meaning and intending to take all the land between said North line of said road as located and the Northern boundary of said Western Rail Road. No person or persons Corporation or Corporations appearing to claim damages and none being entitled to the same except the Agawam Canal Company, and those being expressly relinquished none were awarded.

Francis Brewer )

Henry Fuller } County

Henry S. Brown } Commissioners

Whose report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway. -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Simon Mallory & Co  
 We the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Russell Pet for alter and  
 in said County do respectfully represent that the discontinuance of  
 Road leading from Russell Depot to Westfield H. Way in Russell  
 Town line is needlessly circuitous and bulky and  
 that the public good require certain alterations



therein. We therefore pray your Hon. Board  
to view said Road and make such alterations  
and discontinues such parts thereof as in your  
judgment the public good requires  
Russell March 10<sup>th</sup> 1857

Simmons Mallory & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden for  
said County on the second Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and  
fifty seven - at which meeting the Commissioners  
deeming a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, gave notice that they would meet for the  
purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of  
H. H. Loomis in Russell on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of May next, at nine o'clock, A.M.; and  
it was ordered by the County Commissioners that  
a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk  
of the Town of Russell in said County, thirty  
days, at least, before the said 28<sup>th</sup> day of May -  
and that all other persons and corporations interested  
therein be notified, by publishing a copy of  
said petition and this order thereon, in the  
Springfield Argus - a public newspaper printed  
in said County, three weeks successively, the  
last publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said view, and it was further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition,  
or abstracts containing the substance thereof  
and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff  
or Deputy, in two public places in the town  
of Russell fourteen days before said 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, and that notice be given in manner  
aforesaid to all persons and corporations -  
interested, that the County Commissioners deem  
a view of the premises expedient and proper,  
and that a view of the same will be taken by  
them at the time and place aforesaid.  
And this petition was continued to the meeting  
of the County Commissioners, holden for said



County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the  
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven,  
and the Sheriff of said County made his return  
as follows -

Hampden, ss. May 12<sup>th</sup> 1857

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April last I served an attested  
copy of the within precept upon the clerk of  
Russell - and have posted up other copies in  
two public places in said Russell (to wit) at  
the Hotel of H. H. Loomis and on the Church  
upon the mountain near David Palmer's house.

J. Bush, D. Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made  
their Report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty seven. - On the petition of Lemmon  
Mallory and others then presented to said  
Commissioners, representing and setting forth  
that "we the subscribers inhabitants of the  
Town of Russell in said County do respectfully  
represent that the road leading from Russell  
Depot to Westfield Town line is needlessly -  
circumtous and billy and that the public  
good requires alterations therein, we therefore  
pray your Hon Board to view said road  
and make such alterations and discontinue  
such parts thereof as in your judgment  
the public good requires

Russell March 10<sup>th</sup> 1857

Lemmon Mallory & others

as by said petition on file will appear. -

The Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the  
twenty eighth day of May then next and  
nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of  
H. H. Loomis in Russell as the time and place



for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Russell being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, twenty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Russell said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Argus a newspaper published in said County, said Posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty eighth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted.

Francis Brewer	} County Commissioners
Henry Fuller	
Henry L. Brown	

which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations in said road prayed for, in part, adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commission ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling-house of H. H. Loomis in Russell on Thursday the twenty seventh day of



August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and discontinuances by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Argus a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively. The last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty seventh day of August - And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Russell - with a copy of said petition and this order. Twenty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Russell. fourteen days at least before the said twenty seventh day of August - at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. - And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -

Hampden, ss July 25<sup>th</sup> 1857

I hereby certify that I have complied with the within order by delivering an attested copy of this Petition and order to the town Clerk of Russell and by Posting up two little copies in two Public places in Russell

J. Bush. D. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven, on the petition of Simon Mallory



and others then presented to said Commissioners representing and letting forth that the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Russell in said County do respectfully represent that the road leading from Russell Depot to Westfield town line is needlessly circuitous and silly and that the public good requires alterations therein —

We therefore pray your Hon Board to view said road and make such alterations and discontinue such parts thereof as in your judgment the public good require.

Russell March 10<sup>th</sup> 1857 Simon Mallory & others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the twenty eighth day of May then next and came on at the forenoon at the house of H. K. Loomis in Russell as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Russell, being the town within which such alterations in Highway are prayed for. Thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Russell said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Argus a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty eighth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on



the fourth Tuesday of June then next - at which  
meeting the parties were heard, and after the  
hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider  
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition,  
and after considering the same, said Commissioners  
did adjudge that the prayer of the petition should  
in part be granted - and after adjudicating  
as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday  
the twenty seventh day of August then next and  
nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of H. H.  
Loomis in said Russell as the time and place  
when and where they would meet and proceed  
to locate said alterations and the said Commissioners  
having given notice of the adjudication and the  
time and place appointed for said locations in  
the same manner as the notice and publication  
was given and made, and as is by law in such  
case made and provided, before proceeding to view  
(except publishing an abstract of said petition  
instead of a copy thereof.) on the said twenty  
seventh day of August at nine o'clock A. M. met  
and proceeded to locate said alterations as follows  
viz - Commencing at a stone monument standing  
on the Easterly side of the old Pontiac Turnpike,  
near the line between Sumner and William D. Mallory's  
land, then running North Eastern and Thence quarter  
degrees West, nine rods and fourteen links to a  
stone. The highway for this course and distance  
is three rods wide at the commencement and  
four and a half rods wide at the end, with  
straight side lines. Then North twenty six degrees  
West, six rods and six links to a stone. Then North  
seventeen and three quarter degrees West, five  
rods and twenty two links to a stone. Then North  
fifteen and a half degrees West, twelve rods to  
a stone monument standing on the Easterly side  
of the aforesaid old Turnpike. The width of the  
highway for the last course and distance is  
similar to the first. and all other parts of  
the highway is located four and a half rods  
wide. The survey being made on the Easterly or



right hand side. The following directions are given for the construction of the foregoing highway by the road bed is to be constructed parallel with the Eastern side of the location the center of the road bed being one and a half rods distant from the same except at the ends, which are to be constructed so as to connect judiciously with the old road avoiding all irregular curvature at or near the points of connection therewith, all rocks and large stones, stumps and roots to the depth of ten inches from the surface of the road bed must be removed therefrom, and the road bed must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides to the center thereof to the height of twelve inches and when finished must be sixteen feet in width clear of all obstructions and exclusive of the side slopes and ditches so that carriages and teams may pass with safety over every part of the road bed. The side ditches, where they are necessary must be constructed entirely without the road bed and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of said road bed two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty four degrees, or two and a half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the road bed without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road to the point of discharge, in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the side of the road bed, on the side of the hill where the road is made partly by excavation and partly by embankment the road bed must be crowned in manner before mentioned from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the down hill side must be nearly or quite level, and the grade of the road bed when completed must be uniform from a surface point in the center of the present traveled path eighty seven



feet. Southw<sup>ly</sup> of the end of the location, to a  
surface point in the center of the present traveled  
path at the commencement of the location. All  
excavations and embankments unless protected  
by retaining walls must be constructed with  
side slopes of one and a half horizontal to one  
perpendicular foot. Substantial railing will be  
required at all points by the side of the road  
bed where the safety of the traveller shall appear  
to render the same necessary. The railing must  
be of straight handsome Chestnut poles not less than  
five inches in diameter in any part and securely  
fastened with iron bolts or spikes to rocks or  
posts two feet high above the face of the road.  
The posts not less than seven inches in diameter  
in any part, and set two and a half feet in  
the ground - and the stones not less than eighteen  
inches in diameter at their base, and not more  
than twelve feet distant from each other from  
center to center. All joining or splicing of said  
railing must be made on the summit or top  
of some one of the stone or Chestnut supports  
aforesaid by chamfering the ends of each of said  
poles at least one foot in length in such manner  
that the <sup>chamfered</sup> faces will fit and lie close  
together. Or a range of rocks two and one half  
feet high above the face of the road bed and  
eighteen inches in diameter at the base and not  
more than eighteen inches apart may be  
substituted for the wooden railing aforesaid.  
All supports of railing or stones substituted  
therefor must be placed with their exterior or  
outside at least eighteen inches from the edge of  
the embankment, without in any way obstructing  
the aforesaid width of the road bed, except  
where the stones are placed upon the top  
of retaining walls. They may be placed in  
range of the face of said walls. All retaining  
or embankment walls must be thoroughly and  
substantially built upon a secure foundation,  
and of thickness in proportion to their height -



and the resistance to be overcome by said walls. A culvert will be required in the ravine toward the southerly end of this location two feet square in the clear and of sufficient length for the base of the road bed. Said culvert must be constructed of stone of suitable size and form. The abutment walls are to be two feet thick and laid straight on the faces, and be so founded as to prevent the action of the water undermining them, and be covered with stone not less than five inches thick and three and a half feet long. In constructing the road the ditch upon the westerly side of the old road bed must if possible be preserved and cleared of all obstructions to the passage of the water from the hill side. - Another alteration commences at a stone monument standing on the easterly side of the old Pontiac Turnpike - southerly of Allen J. Mullory's house, then running North eighty and three quarter degrees West across said old road, six rods to a stone on the westerly side of the ditch, then North one and a quarter degrees East, nine rods and seventeen links to a stone, then North four degrees and fifteen minutes East, fourteen rods and eighteen links to a stone, then North four and a quarter degrees West, seventeen rods and four links to a stone, then North eleven degrees West, eight rods and seventeen links to a stone, then North six degrees West, eight rods to a stone, then North eight degrees West nine rods and three links to a stone, then North fourteen and a half degrees West, ten rods and twenty three links across the aforesaid old Turnpike to a stone monument on the northerly side. The lines of the aforesaid alteration are run on the right hand or easterly side and said alteration is laid out and located three rods wide. In constructing the road bed on the foregoing highway two thirds of its width where practicable must be constructed below or at the right of the center line of the location and not more than



one half of the width will be allowed above or at the left of said line, nor more than two thirds of the width will be allowed below said line, and the grade of the road bed when finished must be as follows, viz. From Station No 1 to a point centrally between stations two and three a uniform grade will be required, from a surface point centrally between stations two and three to Station No Eight the grade must be uniform and not exceed four degrees, in grading the road from station eight to the end of the location unnecessary undulations must be avoided, and no angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road exceed one and a half degrees. The following specific repairs are ordered on the old road near and adjoining the commencement of this location viz at a point one hundred feet southerly of the same a cut of two and a half feet will be required, and a nearly uniform grade will be required to the commencement of this location from the bottom of said cut, and also from the bottom of said cut to a point one hundred and fifty feet southerly of the same - a little grade will be required, Sluices will be required at all points - where it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other all of which are to be constructed similar to that ordered on that part of the highway southerly of Simon Mallory, and all directions given for the construction of the highway on that alteration not inconsistent with those herein given for the construction of this part apply to this and will be insisted on.

Another alteration commences at a stone monument standing on the southerly side of the Pontotoc Swamp on or near land of A. J. Bradley, then running North fifty four and a half degrees West four rods and six links to a stone, then North twenty six and three quarter degrees West, two rods and twenty



four links to a stone, then North one and a half degrees West, two rods and two links to a stone; then North thirteen and a half degrees East, across the ravine, four rods and eleven links to a stone, then North sixteen and three quarter degrees East, forty rods and twelve links to a stone. At this point there is a monument on the Easterly and Westerly side of the road and the running of the lines which thus far have been on the Westerly or left hand side of the highway, change to the Easterly or right hand side, and the remainder of the survey is on said Easterly side then North seventeen and a quarter degrees West, six rods and eighteen links to a stone, then North twenty seven and a half degrees West, eighteen rods and eighteen links to a stone, then North twenty three degrees West, five rods and nineteen links to a stone, then North eleven degrees West, seven rods and sixteen links to a stone, then North nine and a quarter degrees West, eight rods to a stone fifteen inches Westerly of the Southwesterly corner of the Gristmill, then North seven and three quarter degrees East, across Bradley's brook sixteen rods and seventeen links to a stone monument on or near the southerly line of the depot road at the northwesterly corner of Mrs. Partridge's land, and the width of the foregoing highway is as follows viz that part of the same lying Easterly and parallel with the dwelling house of Jarvis Osborn is two and a half rods wide, and the two courses and distances Northwesterly are four rods wide and all other parts of the highway are three rods in width.

The road bed on this alteration must be constructed in the center of and parallel with its location except at the angles and the junction of those parts located three, two and a half, and four rods wide which must be judiciously joined so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable and the grade of the road bed when completed must be as follows. viz. care must be exercised in



grading that part between the commencement  
of the location and a point fifty feet Northwardly  
of station No nine avoiding unnecessary undulations  
and in no instance can an angle of ascent or  
descent in the direction of the road be allowed to  
exceed one degree: From a surface point fifty  
feet Northwardly of No nine to station No twelve a  
uniform grade will be required. from station No  
twelve to a point fifty feet Northwardly of No thirteen  
a uniform grade will be required. from a point  
fifty feet Northwardly of No thirteen to station No  
seventeen a uniform grade will be required from  
station No seventeen to the top of the planting of  
the Southwardly end of the bridge a uniform grade  
will be required. from the top of the planting of  
the Northwardly end of the bridge to a surface point  
fifty feet Southwardly of the end of the location a  
uniform grade will be required: and no part  
of the road bed will be allowed to exceed  
four and a quarter degrees. A Culvert will be  
required in the ravine near the commencement  
of this location three feet wide and four feet  
high in the clear and of sufficient length for  
the base of the road bed the side walls of which  
are to be laid straight and three feet thick at  
at the bottom and two at the top and laid  
upon a secure foundation. the covering stone must  
be not less than six inches thick and four and a  
half feet long. Another culvert will be required  
in the ravine Northwardly of the above two and  
a half feet square in the clear. the walls of  
which are to be circular to the aforesaid and  
the covering stone not less than five inches thick  
and four feet long. A Bridge will be required  
across Bradley's brook near the Grist-Mill. said  
bridge is to be forty feet in the clear between the  
abutments and eleven feet high in the clear  
from an average water level from the top of  
the Larnery Dam near said bridge. and eighteen  
feet wide measured transversely with the road  
bed — The abutment walls are to be



eighteen feet long and five feet thick at the bottom and three feet thick at the top and are to be protected by wing walls three feet thick at the bottom and two at the top. The walls are to be laid upon a secure foundation and built of stone of suitable size and form. The abutment walls are to be surmounted with caps of chestnut timber eight by ten inches square and of sufficient length to receive the ends of braces for the support of the side railings: four stringers will be required twelve inches square and forty two feet long, and be supported by King braces and suspension rods similar to the bridge above this location on the old Turnpike, except the braces shall be longer, in proportion to the increased length of the bridge and additional rods will be required near the center of the King braces: the sides of the bridge are to be covered with inch pine or hemlock boards so as to protect the same from the action of the weather. The planks are to be of chestnut three inches thick, and the remaining part of the bridge is to be constructed on a plan similar to the bridge on said old Turnpike, and all the timber used in the construction of the same, must be of white chestnut, and free from defects of any kind, and well adapted to the purpose to which they are applied.

Jamies Osborne over whose land this alteration is located in part, retains the legal right to construct a cattle culvert underneath the road, provided he does not thereby increase the grade of the road. Said culvert is to be constructed in a substantial manner so as to not interfere with the width of the road bed, and the said culvert when placed in must forever after be maintained by said owner his heirs and assigns, in good repair and in such condition as to be safe and convenient for the traveller. - Also Marcus Smudale over whose land this alteration passes, retains the legal right to convey the water to his Dist. Mill, underneath the road, in a



Penstock or otherwise, provided he does not thereby increase the grade of the road. Said Penstock or other means to be constructed in a substantial manner so as not to interfere with the width of the road bed, and the same when constructed must forever after be maintained by said owner, his heirs and assigns, in good repair and in such condition as to be safe and convenient for the traveller. — Culverts in addition to those already specified will be required at all points on the highway where it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other, to be constructed in the same manner as the one ordered on the first named alteration, and all directions given for the construction of the road bed, railing, side slopes &c, on that alteration not inconsistent with those already given for the construction of this, will apply to this and be insisted on in the execution of this order. —

Another alteration commences at a stone monument near the Westerly line of Western Plais Road land then South forty one and a half degrees West, two rods and twenty one links to a stone, then South twenty two degrees West, two rods and fourteen links to stone, then South seventy seven and a quarter degrees West, one rod and eleven links to a stone, then North eighty five and a half degrees West, five rods to a stone monument thirteen inches from the North Easterly corner of the underpinning of Poland Parks stone. The line on this alterations are run on the southerly or left hand side of the highway and the same is located three rods wide. As this alteration makes no change in the present road bed, no order of construction is deemed necessary. — And it is further ordered that on all parts of the road bed on the foregoing alterations, where the materials within the travelled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, a top covering of ten inches thick of good gravel or some other good material the best that can be



obtained in the vicinity (whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of distance just for the travelled part of the road. — And it is further ordered that the several land owners be allowed until the first day of April next to remove their wood, timber, trees and crops then standing, growing or lying. — And it is further ordered that the road on said alterations be worked and made hard, safe and convenient for travellers to pass over — with their cattle, horses, teams, carts, and carriages, and that it be made and completed by the town of Russell — to the acceptance of the County Commissioners as follows — viz, The alterations near the house of Simon Mallory, and the alteration and specific repairs near the house of Allen J. Mallory on or before the first day of July next and the remainder of the order — viz, The construction of the road on the alteration from near Nelson, to Parks dwelling house by the Grist Mill Southwly to its junction with the old Turnpike, on or before the first day of August in the year 1859. —

The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested, in relation to damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, and Simon Mallory, Allen J. Mallory, Jarvis Osborn and Marcus Prussdale having relinquished all claims for damages, consider and adjudge that the sum of Seven Dollars be paid to the heirs of Roland P. White in full compensation for all damage which they will sustain in the location and construction of said road, no other persons appearing to claim damages and in the opinion of the Commissioners none being entitled to damages none were awarded which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway.

Francis Brewster }  
Henry Fuller } County  
Henry S. Brown } Commissioners



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Newman Bishop Jr.  
The undersigned respectfully represent that Public Use for new H. way  
convenience and necessity require that a Road in Russell  
should be laid from the outlet of Russell Pond near  
the house of Newman Bishop Jr. to intersect the  
Blandford Road, near the Saw Mill of Beatus  
Partle that there is no place so feasible for  
getting off from Russell mountain - that it is the  
only Road that could be kept open for travel  
during the two past severe winters the under-  
signed therefore request that your Honorable  
Board would have an examination of the  
Route with a view of laying the same as  
soon as convenient - and as in duty bound  
will ever pray

Newman Bishop Jr. & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said  
County on the Second Tuesday of April in the  
year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty  
seven, at which meeting the Commissioners  
deeming a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, gave notice that they would meet for  
the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house  
of Newman Bishop Jr. in Russell on Wednesday  
the twenty seventh day of May next, at nine  
o'clock, A. M.; and it was ordered by the County  
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be  
served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy  
upon the clerk of the town of Russell in said  
County, thirty days at least, before the said  
twenty seventh day of May - and that all other  
persons and corporations interested therein be  
notified, by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon, in the Springfield  
Republican a public newspaper printed in  
said County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said view, and it was further  
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of  
said petition, or abstracts containing the



substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Russell fourteen days before said twenty seventh day of May and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. — and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows  
Hampden Co. May 25<sup>th</sup>

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April last I served an attested copy of the within precept upon the clerk of Russell — and posted up copies of the within Pet & order in two public places in the town of Russell more than fourteen days before the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May current

J. Bush, S. Sheriff

and now the Commissioners order the aforesaid petition to be dismissed without costs —

Silas Noyes & Co  
Pet for alter of H. Way  
in Brimfield  
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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned citizens of Brimfield would respectfully represent that in constructing the road in Brimfield as ordered by your board on the petition of John Wyles and others, that part of the same lying between stations 26 and 33 as designated on the profile of the road is more favorable for construction than was anticipated and that it would be a great improvement to change the present location to one that should run nearly a straight course from near said No 26 to near No 33. We therefore ask you to view the same and make such alterations as to you may seem proper and discontinue such part of the present location as may become unnecessary by your action on this petition. —



Brimfield July 6<sup>th</sup> 1857. Gilman Noyes & al.  
The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden for  
said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and  
fifty seven. - at which meeting the commissioners  
taking a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, gave notice that they would meet for  
the purpose of said view, and of location, at  
the dwelling house of Rufus Foote in Brimfield  
on Tuesday the eighteenth day of August next,  
at nine o'clock A.M.; and it was ordered  
by the County Commissioners that a copy of  
said petition be served by the Sheriff of said  
County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the  
town of Brimfield in said County, thirty  
days at least, before the said 18<sup>th</sup> day of August  
and that all other persons and corporations  
interested therein be notified, by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereon  
in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said view. and it was  
further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing  
the substance thereof and this order, be posted  
up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public  
places in the town of Brimfield fourteen days  
before said 18<sup>th</sup> day of August and that  
notice be given in manner aforesaid to all  
persons and corporations interested, that the  
County Commissioners deem a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, and that  
a view of the same will be taken by them  
at the time and place aforesaid. -  
And this petition was continued to this  
meeting, and the Sheriff of said County  
in pursuance of said Order makes his return  
as follows

Hampden Co. July 18<sup>th</sup> 1857 -



By virtue of this warrant, I have this day served an attested copy of this petition and order upon the town clerk of the town of Brimfield as within directed. Also on the same day I posted up two copies of the same in two public places in said town of Brimfield.

R. G. Marsh, Sheriff

And now the commissioners make their report in writing as follows.—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

At a meeting of the county commissioners of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven.— On the petition of Gilman Noyes & also then presented to said commissioners, representing and setting forth that in constructing the Road in Brimfield as ordered by your Board on the petition of John Noyes and others that part of the same lying between Stations 26 and 33 as designated on the profile of the road as more favorable for construction than was anticipated and that it would be a great improvement to change the present location to one that should run nearly a straight course from near said No 26 to No 33.— We therefore ask you to view the same and make such alterations as to you may seem proper and discontinue such part of the present location as may become unnecessary by your action on the petition.

as by said petition or file will appear.

The commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the Eighteenth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Rufus Foster in Brimfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Brimfield being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, twenty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstract of said



petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said county. Said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had. Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighteenth day of August the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next at which meeting said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of petitioners be granted, viz, the alteration and discontinuance prayed for in aforesaid petition, and after adjudicating as aforesaid - no person appearing at the time of view aforesaid to oppose said alteration and discontinuance. Said Commissioners proceeded to locate said alteration and discontinuance upon view as aforesaid, commencing said alteration at a stone monument on the Northwly line of road laid on petition of John Hayes & others; being the second angle Easterly of the dwelling House belonging to the Gardner heirs then running South fifty six degrees East six rods and twelve links to a stone; Then South fifty and a half degrees East twelve rods and fifteen links to a stone; Then South sixty nine degrees East eleven rods and three links to a stone; Then South sixty nine and a quarter degrees East,



twelve rods to a stone: Then North Eighty four  
and three quarter degrees East eight rods and  
forty two links to a stone: Then South Eighty one  
and three quarter degrees East six rods to a stone:  
Then South fifty two and three quarter degrees,  
East five rods and twenty links to a stone.

Monument standing Easterly of the Northwely or  
first culvert in the ravine. The line are run  
on the Northwely or left hand side of the road  
and the same is laid three rods wide. In the  
construction of the Highway between the first  
and last mentioned points the road bed is to  
be built in conformity to the order issued on  
the petition of John Wyles and others and the  
grade of the same is to be uniform and in no  
point to exceed four degrees. So much of the  
location on the petition of John Wyles and others  
aforesaid as becomes useless by above location is  
hereby discontinued - No person or persons or  
corporation or corporations appearing to claim  
damages and in the opinion of said commissioners  
no person or persons, corporation or corporations being  
entitled to damages none were awarded.

Henry S. Brown Esq., one of the County commissioners  
being disqualified from residence - Daniel G. White Esq.  
one of the Special Commissioners was notified by  
the other commissioners and acted in his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners

Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is  
accepted and the road established as and  
for a public highway.



pending accounts against the County being presented for allowance amounting to the sum of three thousand three hundred and seven dollars and thirteen cents are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the \$3307.13 County Treasury. -

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their respective names in full for damages to land taken for highways and the same amounting to three hundred and twenty three \$323.00 dollars are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

On Petition of Abraham Charles & co  
Alvan Holbrook. Forty three dollars \$43.00  
" Petition of Lyman Goodfear & co  
Eber Wright one hundred & fifty dollars \$150.00  
William P. Bagg one hundred & thirty dollars \$130.00

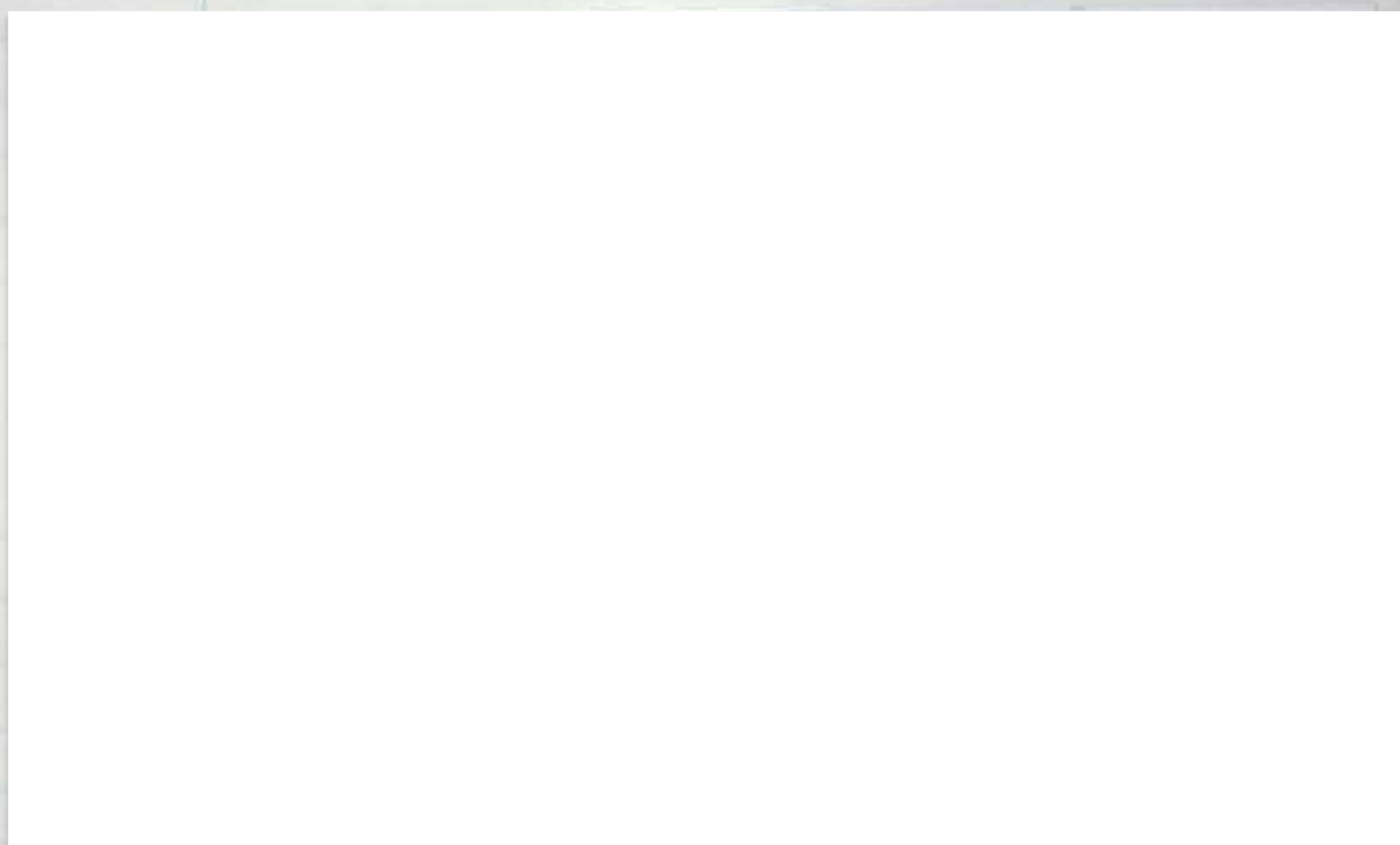
Hampden sp. December 2<sup>d</sup> 1857

Judgment is entered up according to reports and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day. -

Attest Not Morris Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County-  
Commissioners begun and holden at  
Springfield within and for the County of  
Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December  
being the twenty second day of the month  
and from day to day to the twenty fourth day  
of said month and by adjournment on the  
thirty first day of said month in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty seven to the first day of January.

Present, Francis Brewer Esq. Chairman

Henry Fuller " County

Henry F. Brown " Commissioners

and by adjournment on the sixth day of  
said month of January and by adjournment  
on the twentieth day of said month of January  
and by adjournment on the second day of  
February to the third day of said February  
and by adjournment on the sixteenth day  
of said February to the seventeenth day of  
said February and by adjournment on the  
eleventh day of March and by adjournment  
on the first day of April, in the year of  
of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty  
eight.

Present Henry Fuller } Chairman  
Henry F. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parks } Commissioners

Nelson D. Parks Esquire having been declared  
by the board of examiners duly elected County  
Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
in place of Francis Brewer Esq and having  
been duly sworn appeared on the first  
day of January aforesaid and the board  
consisting of Henry Fuller, Henry F. Brown,  
and Nelson D. Parks Esquire proceed to the  
choice of chairman. The whole number of



votes cast is three of which Henry Fuller has two and is chosen Chairman of the board for the year ensuing—

Donnis Nye &c  
Pet for a jury  
5 To the County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden—

Donnis Nye and Randall Nye both of Blandford in said County respectfully represent, that on the Petition of James Stewart and others presented to your Honorable Board in April last, a highway has been laid out over the land of your petitioners as described in the return of the location thereof, now on file, for a distance of four hundred and twenty rods and that your petitioners are aggrieved by the estimation of their damages occasioned by the laying out of said road, which estimation is only \$160.— and is much too low, and said location ought to be altered. They therefore pray that after due proceedings they may have a jury to determine said damages and to alter said location according to the provisions of the law in that behalf.

Donnis Nye

Randall Nye

by their attys Chapman & Chamberlain

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six — and was further continued by adjournment on the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1856, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and appointed Patrick Boise Esq. to preside over the



and on the twenty eighth day of said  
May, a warrant was duly issued requiring  
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to  
summon a Jury to hear and determine the  
matter of Complaint set forth in said petition,  
and this petition was continued from  
meeting to meeting to this meeting - and  
now the following verdict and order from  
the Supreme Judicial Court is received

Verdict of Jury

Hampden Co. June 5<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Verdict of the Jury in the case of Dennis  
Nye and Randall Nye against the  
Inhabitants of the County of Hampden. -  
The Jury impaneled by Charles W. Knox,  
Deputy Sheriff - of said County of Hampden  
to enquire into the matter of the necessity  
and propriety of any alterations as to so  
much of the location of the highway mentioned  
in the warrant in this case as is upon  
and over the land of said Dennis and  
Randall, and to make such alterations  
in the location of that part of said  
Highway, as might be deemed necessary  
and proper: and also to assess the  
damages sustained by the said Dennis  
and Randall by the location and establishment  
or alteration of said highway over said  
lands mentioned in said warrant: having  
first been sworn by Patrick Boie appointed  
by the parties to preside at the trial of said  
case and having chosen James M. Goodwin,  
foreman - by ballot - after viewing the  
premises and fully hearing the evidence  
and the parties, do find and our verdict  
is, that it is not necessary and proper  
that any alterations be made on and over  
the land of said Dennis and Randall  
and we make none, - and the Jury  
further find and our verdict is that  
the said Dennis and Randall as owners



of the land on which said highway is located have sustained damage by the same, and that they have and Recover of the Inhabitants of the County of Hampden the sum of Two hundred dollars as damages, and also our verdict is that said Dennis and Randall have the term of Ten months in which to remove the timber and wood standing and being on the land taken by said Highway. James M. Goodwin, Foreman, Edward C. Lintner, Salem P. Rose, Moses Richardson, Philatus Barnes, John D. Rissley, Alfred S. Frote, Edgar Holcomb, Francis J. Hale, Daniel B. Holcomb, William Fay and Edward C. Hammetton.

Hampden Supreme Judicial Court Sept. 1. 1857  
In the County Commissioners within and for the County of Hampden.

I certify that the foregoing verdict was at this term accepted and ordered to be recorded,

Attest

Geo. B. Morris, Clerk

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded,

I Isaac Brewster In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Pet for alter + new H. Your petitioners inhabitants of the town of Sudlow  
way in Sudlow would respectfully represent that the road  
leading from the Lawrence house so called in  
Sudlow Northwaly to the County road leading  
from Henry Sullens to the New bridge near  
Collins Depot is obstructed by individuals encroa-  
ching on each side and in many places is  
too narrow to accommodate the public travel.  
They therefore respectfully request that you will  
widen said road and make such alterations  
therein or lay out a new road from said  
Lawrence House Northwaly to the aforesaid County  
road as the public convenience and necessity  
require.

Sudlow Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1855. I Brewster & others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting



of the County Commissioners holden for said  
county on the second Tuesday of April in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty six, at which meeting the commissioners,  
deeming a view of the premises expedient and  
proper gave notice that they would meet for  
the purpose of said view, at the dwelling  
house of Isaac Brewer in Ludlow on Tuesday  
the twenty seventh day of May next, at  
nine o'clock, A. M.; and it was ordered  
by the County Commissioners that a copy  
of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
of said county or his deputy, upon the Clerk  
of the town of Ludlow in said county, thirty  
days, at least, before the said twenty seventh  
day of May and that all other persons and  
corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Argus  
a public newspaper printed in said county,  
three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the  
time of said view, and it was further  
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies  
of said petition, or abstracts containing the  
substance thereof and this order, be posted  
up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public  
places in the town of Ludlow fourteen days  
before said twenty seventh day of May and  
that notice be given in manner aforesaid  
to all persons and corporations interested,  
that the County Commissioners deem a view  
of the premises expedient and proper, and  
that a view of the same would be taken  
by them at the time and place aforesaid.  
And this petition was continued from  
meeting to meeting to the meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said county  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
fifty seven, and the Sheriff of said county



made his return as follows  
 "Hampden Co. April 24<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition and order by leaving the same at his dwelling house, also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

N. Cutler, Sheriff

at which meeting the commissioners made their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six. — on the petition of Isaac Brewer and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, Your petitioners Inhabitants of the town of Ludlow would respectfully represent that the road leading from the Lawrence House so called in Ludlow, Northerly to the County road leading from Henry Fullers to the New Bridge near Collins Depot is obstructed by individuals encroaching on each side, and in many places is too narrow to accommodate the public travel, They therefore respectfully request that, You will view said road, and make such alterations therein or lay out a new road from said Lawrence House Northerly to the aforesaid County road as the public convenience and necessity require.

Ludlow Nov, 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

I. Brewer & others

as by said petition on file will appear. — The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the twenty seventh day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Isaac Brewer in Ludlow as the time and



place for viewing the premises; and caused  
a copy of said petition to be served upon  
the clerk of the town of Ludlow being the  
town within which such alterations are  
prayed for, thirty days at least before the  
time appointed for said view; and also  
caused abstracts of said petition, containing  
the substance thereof, to be posted in two  
public places in Ludlow said town; and  
also gave notice to all persons interested  
by causing a copy of said petition to be  
published three weeks successively in the  
Springfield Argus a newspaper published  
in said County. Said posting and the last  
publication of said copy having been fourteen  
days at least before the time appointed for  
said view; and before said view was  
had, said Commissioners gave notice in  
like manner as described in the foregoing  
notice of the petition, to all persons interested  
of the time and place for commencing said  
view. — And on the said twenty seventh  
day of May the Commissioners met at the  
time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
view the premises and having viewed the  
same, the Commissioners then determined to  
hear the parties at the same time of said  
view; and having heard the parties, said  
Commissioners then proceeded to consider and  
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition;  
and after considering the same, said  
Commissioners did then and there adjudge  
that common convenience and necessity  
require, that the prayer of the petitioners  
should in part be granted —

Alfred Homer } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners  
Henry Fuller }

which report being read and considered,  
was accepted and the <sup>report</sup> as specified in  
said report, adjudged of common convenience



and necessity, at which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling-house of Isaac Brewer in Ludlow on Wednesday the ninth day of September next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said road by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Argus a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of September, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Ludlow with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Ludlow fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of September at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -  
Hampden S.D. Aug 3<sup>d</sup> 1857.

By virtue of this warrant I this day served an attested copy of the within petition and order upon the town clerk of the town of Ludlow as within directed. Also on the same day I posted up two copies of the same in two public places in said town of Ludlow -  
R. G. Marsh Sheriff



and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six. — On the petition of Isaac Brewer and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from the Lawrence House to called in Ludlow northerly to the County road leading from Henry Fuller to the New Bridge near Collins Depot is obstructed by individuals encroaching on each side and many places is too narrow to accommodate the public travel. We therefore respectfully request that you will view said road and make such alterations therein, or lay out a new road from said Lawrence House, northerly to the aforesaid County road as the public convenience and necessity require.

Ludlow Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1855. (Signed) I. Brewer & others as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty seventh day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Isaac Brewer in Ludlow as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Ludlow being the town within which such alterations or new location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave



notice to all persons interested by causing  
 a copy of said petition to be published three  
 weeks successively in the Springfield Argus  
 a newspaper published in said County. Said  
 posting and the last publication of said  
 copy having been fourteen days at least  
 before the time appointed for said view,  
 and before said view was had. Said  
 Commissioners gave notice in like manner  
 as described in the foregoing notice of the  
 petition, to all persons interested, of the time  
 and place for commencing said view.  
 And on the said twenty seventh day of  
 May the Commissioners met at the time  
 and place appointed, and proceeded to view  
 the premises, and having viewed the same,  
 the further consideration thereof was deferred  
 till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners,  
 held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth  
 Tuesday of June then next - at which meeting  
 the parties were heard, and after the hearing  
 said Commissioners proceeded to consider -  
 and adjudicate upon the prayer of said  
 petition, and after considering the same,  
 said Commissioners did adjudge that the  
 prayer of the petitioners should in part be  
 granted. - and after adjudicating as aforesaid,  
 said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the  
 ninth day of September then next and nine  
 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Isaac  
 Brewer in said Sudlow as the time and  
 place when and where they would meet  
 and proceed to locate said road and the  
 said Commissioners having given notice of  
 the adjudication and the time and place  
 appointed for in the same manner as the  
 notice and publication was given and made  
 and as is by law in such case made and  
 provided, before proceeding to view (except  
 publishing an abstract of said petition instead  
 of a copy thereof) on the said ninth day



of September met and proceeded to locate the road as follows. — Commencing at a stone monument two rods southerly of the center of the road leading from Henry Miller, to James L. Miller, on the westerly side, and near the cut of an old road, then running South seven and three quarter degrees East across a large rock thirty five rods and seven links to a stone near the end of an old wall — Then South twelve degrees East thirty one rods and seven links to a stone monument, near the northeasterly corner of the shed attached to the Lawrence Barn — The lines are run on the westerly or right hand side of the road which is located three rods wide. — The following directions in the construction of the foregoing road will be insisted upon, that the road bed be constructed as near the center of the location as the nature of the ground will permit, and must be so elevated and rounded that the water will readily pass off on either side to the ditches, which must be made sufficiently wide and deep as to receive all the accumulating water from the road, good and sufficient culverts to convey the water from one side of the road to the other at all places where the necessity and well being of the road may require the same. — All materials used, and all the work done in the execution of this order must be of the best kind, and the same to be executed and finished to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the first day of July 1858. All fences trees or other obstacles to the free and uninterrupted progress of the workmen on the road must be removed by the owners thereof on or before the first day of April 1858. No



persons in the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to receive damage none have been awarded. Henry L. Brown one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend due notice was given thereof to Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller, } Commissioners  
Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway. —

Orin Parks &  
Otho J. Allen &  
of Highways in  
Westfield

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Recordings in this  
are qualified by the  
Supreme Just. Court.  
See record of Co. Comm.  
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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The undersigned respectfully represents that the public highway from David Mosleys in Westfield passing Ira Geomans and under the W. B. R. bridge to the highway from great river bridge to W. B. R. depot is narrow without monuments and encroached upon by the owners of land — also the fordway across great river from David B. R. bridge to the house of H. O. Clarke is encroached upon and without monuments or mates. — Also the highway from the corner of the road near Caleb Williams passing Ira Geomans Jr and H. & H. R. Road to the foot of powder mill <sup>Hill</sup> west of Thomas Bonians house is narrow, undistinct and inconvenient and without monuments. — Also the highway from Ira Geomans Jr in said Westfield passing clay hill brook to the top of clay hill near the house of Peter Furrow is narrow without monuments, and more crooked than the public convenience requires. — Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable board to view the premises and widen, straighten and establish monuments or new locate said roads and make such alterations and repairs as you deem advisable.

Westfield Mass June 2<sup>d</sup> 1866. Orin Parks & others



The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six: at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Pontreue House in Westfield on Wednesday the twenty seventh day of August next, at nine o'clock, A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Westfield in said County, thirty days at least, before the said twenty seventh day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before the said twenty seventh day of August - and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the



Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven. and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden, D.S. July 18<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order by delivering the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

N. Cutler, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden D.S.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six. — On the petition of Orrin Parks and others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the public highway from David Mosleys in Westfield passing Ira Geomans, and under the W. R. R. Bridge to the highway from great river bridge to W. R. R. Depot is narrow, without monuments and encroached upon by the owners of land. Also the footway across Great river from said R. R. bridge to the house of H. O. Clark is encroached upon and without monuments or marks — Also the highway from the corner of the road near Caleb Williams passing Ira Geomans Jr and H. & H. R. Road to the foot of powder mill hill west of Thomas Bonaville house is narrow and inconvenient and without monuments, Also the highway from Ira Geomans Jr in said Westfield passing Clay Hill brook to the top of Clay hill near the house of Peter Furrow is narrow without monuments and more crooked



from the public convenience requires, wherefore  
your petitioners pray your honorable board to  
view the premises and widen, straighten, and  
establish monuments, or new locate said  
roads and make such alterations and  
repairs as you deem advisable.

From Parth, and others

The commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Wednesday,  
the twenty seventh day of August then next  
and near 5 o'clock in the forenoon, at the  
Pontreac House in Westfield as the time  
and place for viewing the premises; and  
caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being  
the town within which such repairs alterations  
were prayed for, thirty days at least before  
the time appointed for said view; and  
also caused abstracts of said petition contain-  
ing the substance thereof, to be posted in  
two public places in said town; and also  
gave notice to all persons interested by  
causing a copy of said petition to be —  
published three weeks successively in the  
Westfield News Letter a newspaper published  
in said county. Said posting and the last  
publication of said copy having been fourteen  
days at least before the time appointed for  
said view; and before said view was  
had, said commissioners gave notice in like  
manner as described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the  
time and place for commencing said view.  
and on the said twenty seventh day of  
August the commissioners met at the time  
and place appointed, and proceeded to view  
the premises and having viewed the same,  
the commissioners then determined to hear  
the parties at the same time of said view;  
and having heard the parties, said commissioners  
then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon



the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did there and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted. Henry Fuller being one of the Commissioners being disqualified to act upon this petition Robert C. Bonnis being one of the Special Commissioners was duly notified thereof and acted in his stead.

Alfred Homer, County

Francis Brewer } Commissioners

R. C. Bonnis } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity - & at which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at Foster's Hotel in Westfield on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highways by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Argus a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of May. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the select of the town of Westfield, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of May at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and



proper, by reason of the location of said road  
and this petition was continued from meeting  
to meeting - to this meeting, and the Sheriff  
of said County in pursuance of said order  
makes his return as follows

Hampden S.D. May 11<sup>th</sup> 1857

On the twenty fifth day of April last I  
served an attested copy of the within petition  
and order, upon the clerk of the town of  
Westfield. And on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May next  
posted up other like copies, at the Post Office,  
and at Foster's Hotel being two public places  
in said Westfield

Frederick Bush, D. Sheriff,

And now the Commissioners make their  
report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden S.D.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty six, on the petition of  
Oren Parks and others there presented to said  
Commissioners, representing and setting  
forth, That the public highway from  
David Moselys in Westfield passing Ira  
Gomans and under the W. R. R. Bridge to  
the highway from Great River Bridge to W. R. R.  
Depot is narrow, without monuments and  
encroached upon by the owners of land -  
also the roadway across great river from said  
R. R. Bridge to the house of H. O. Clark is  
encroached upon and without monuments  
or notes - Also the highway from the corner  
of the road near Caleb Williams passing Ira  
Gomans Jr and H & H. R. Road to the foot of  
Powder mill hill west of Thomas Donivans house,  
is narrow indirect and inconvenient and  
without monuments, also the highway from Ira  
Gomans Jr in said Westfield passing Clay Hill



Brook to the top of Clay Hill near the house  
 of Peter Lurrow, is narrow without monuments  
 and more crooked than the public convenience  
 requires - Wherefore your petitioners pray your  
 honorable board to view the premises and  
 render straighten and establish monuments, or  
 new locate said roads and make such  
 alterations and repairs as you deem advisable  
 as by said petition on file will appear.  
 The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
 premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the  
 twenty seventh day of August their next and  
 nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Pontreue  
 House in Westfield as the time and place  
 for viewing the premises; and caused a copy  
 of said petition to be served upon the clerk of  
 the town of Westfield being the town within  
 which such repairs, alterations & are prayed  
 for, thirty days at least before the time appointed  
 for said view; and also caused abstracts of said  
 petition, containing the substance thereof, to be  
 posted in two public places in Westfield said  
 town; and also gave notice to all persons interested  
 by causing a copy of said petition to be published  
 three weeks successively in the Westfield News  
 Letter a newspaper published in said County,  
 said posting and the last publication of said  
 copy having been fourteen days at least before  
 the time appointed for said view; and before  
 said view was had, said Commissioners gave  
 notice in like manner as described in the  
 foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons  
 interested, of the time and place for commencing  
 said view. - And on the said twenty seventh  
 day of August the Commissioners met at the  
 time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
 view the premises, and having viewed the  
 same, the further consideration thereof was  
 deferred till the next regular meeting of the  
 Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid  
 on the first Tuesday of October then next at



which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted, — and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty sixth day of May them next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Foster House in said Westfield as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate and monument said road: and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the purposes aforesaid, in the same manner as the notice and publications was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view / except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, / on the said twenty sixth day of May met. And the term of Office of Alfred Horner Esq and Robert C. Dennis Esq having expired since the view and report aforesaid, and as it did not appear from an inspection of said report what part of the prayer of said petition was granted, — and the opponents of the petition being present and making no objection but desiring to introduce evidence upon the question of common convenience and necessity the Commissioners decided to open the whole matter and hear the several parties, as upon a view upon the question of common convenience and necessity as well as upon the question of location and damages, and such decision of the Commissioners was publicly made known to all the several parties appearing before said Commissioners, before any proceedings.



were read, and the several parties introduced all the evidence they desired as well upon the question of common convenience and necessity as upon the question of location, monumenting and damages, and the said meeting was adjourned from time to time to the twenty second day of December then next, at which time the several parties and their witnesses and counsel having been heard the said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that so much of the prayer of the petition should be granted as that the several roads mentioned in said petition should be located anew and monumented, — And the Commissioners have located the same as follows viz: upon the first portion of the petition — "Commencing at a stone monument on the southerly side of Union Street at a point in range of the westerly end of Col David Moselys dwelling house: then running North eighty one and three quarter degrees West twenty two rods and nine links to a stone, then North eighty eight and a half degrees West, sixty rods and six links to a stone at the Northwesterly corner of Ira Yeomans land, then South sixty six and a quarter degrees West six rods and twenty four links to a stone, then South forty five degrees and two minutes West, thirteen rods and twenty links to a stone, at the South westerly corner of Ira Yeomans garden, then South forty three degrees West across the Western Plank Road fifteen rods and fourteen links to a stone standing thirteen links southerly and five and a half links westerly of the North westerly corner of the dwelling house known as the old Frederic Morgan house. then North seventy



seven degrees and twenty minutes, West, on  
the southerly side of the old Pochassie road  
thirteen rods and thence back to a stone  
monument on the Easterly side of the  
Northampton road. four and a half feet  
northwesterly of the north westerly corner of the  
Halekum Block in range of the westerly end,  
the lines are run on the southerly or left  
hand side of said highway and the same  
is located three rods wide, and on the  
right hand of the survey and monuments.  
On the third portion of the petition the  
commissioners locate as follows, by com-  
mencing at a stone monument on the  
westerly side of the Montgomery road  
on land of James Mosley near the foot  
of Powder Mill Gate Hill: then running  
South twenty two degrees East one hundred  
and two rods to a stone near land of  
Roland Lockett, then South fifty two and  
a half degrees East forty two rods and  
six links to a stone by the side of the  
westerly fence on the road leading from the  
Montgomery road to Westfield Depot, by  
the house of Rodiah Roseworth, in front  
of Franklin Brass dwelling house, the lines  
run thus far are in the center of the highway,  
and the monuments are set on the westerly  
or right hand side of the highway at the  
distance of one and half rods from the line  
as shown the highway being laid three rods  
wide. From the last named monument  
southerly to a stone near the north westerly  
corner of Eliska P. Parke's land the highway  
is bounded and described by an Easterly  
and westerly line as follows, by the westerly  
or right hand line commencing at the monument  
in front of Franklin Brass dwelling house  
then running South nineteen and three quarter  
degrees East four rods and six links to a  
stone at the North westerly corner of the



School House lot - then South thirty eight  
 degrees East, three rods and two links to  
 a stone at the Northeastly corner of the  
 School House lot, then South thirteen and a  
 half degrees East thirty two rods and thirteen  
 links to a stone - then South eight degrees  
 and twenty minutes West eleven rods and  
 twenty three links to a stone, then South  
 forty four degrees and twenty minutes East,  
 seven rods and ten links to a stone near  
 the North Westerly corner of Eliza P. Parke's land.  
 And the Easterly or left hand line commences  
 at the monument in front of Franklin Brass  
 house - then running North seventy four  
 and a half degrees East, three rods to the  
 Easterly side of the road, then South fifteen  
 and a half degrees East one rod and fourteen  
 links to a stone, - then South thirty two and  
 a half degrees East sixteen rods to a stone  
 standing South fifteen degrees East from the  
 South Easterly corner of Jared Brass dwelling  
 house, one hundred and eighteen links distant;  
 also from the center of a large Maple tree in  
 front of said Brass house South seven degrees  
 West, one hundred and one links distant,  
 at this point the highway is six rods and  
 fourteen links wide at right angles with the  
 Westerly side of the road, - then South sixty  
 seven degrees East, one rod to a stone - then  
 South Seventeen degrees East, eighteen rods  
 and twenty links to a stone on the westerly  
 side of the Hampshire and Hampden Rail Road -  
 then South fifteen degrees West twelve rods  
 along said Rail Road, to a stone, then South  
 twenty two and a half degrees West, four rods  
 and twenty two links along said Rail Road  
 to a stone, - then South nine degrees East  
 three rods and nine links across said Rail  
 Road to a stone; at this point the highway  
 is three rods wide, then South forty four  
 degrees and twenty minutes East two rods



and fifteen links, then South forty five degrees  
and forty minutes West, thence rods to a stone  
on the South westerly side of the highway  
near the North westerly corner of Elihu C. Parks  
land: The highway described by the aforesaid  
easterly and westerly lines embraces all the  
land lying within said lines, then running  
from the monument near the Northwesterly  
corner of said Parks land South forty five  
degrees and twenty minutes East eleven rods  
and two and a half links to a stone: bearing  
from the North westerly corner of the underpin-  
ning of C. C. Parks dwelling house North Seventeen  
degrees and ten minutes East Seventeen and  
a half links - then South forty three degrees  
and fifty minutes East, thence rods and  
ten links to a stone standing sixteen links,  
Northwesterly of a point in range of the  
Northwesterly projection of the underpinning of  
C. C. Parks dwelling house, - for the last  
two courses and distances the highway  
is three rods wide - then South forty one  
and three quarter degrees East, across  
Northampton road seven rods and  
fourteen links to a stone standing fourteen  
links from the Northwesterly corner of Samuel  
Smiths dwelling house: The highway for this  
course and distance is three rods wide at  
the commencement, and three rods and  
eighteen links wide on the Easterly side  
of the Northampton road, and three rods  
and four links wide at the end of the course,  
then South forty degrees East one rod and  
seven links to a stone standing sixteen links  
from the North Easterly corner of said Samuel  
Smiths house in range of the Easterly side:  
The highway for this course and distance  
is three rods and four links wide at the  
commencement and three rods wide at  
the end, then South thirty four and a quarter  
degrees East two rods and three links to a



stone at the northeasterly corner of said  
 Smiths house lot, the highway for this course  
 and distance is three rods wide. Then South  
 fifteen minutes West nineteen links to a stone,  
 the highway for this course and distance  
 is three rods wide at the commencement  
 and five rods wide at the end, measuring  
 on range of and to a stone monument on  
 the northerly line of Union Street, Then South  
 twenty four and a quarter degrees West one  
 rod and three links to a stone, the highway  
 for this course and distance is five rods  
 wide at the commencement and three rods  
 wide at the end and the remaining part  
 of the highway is three rods wide - then South  
 forty six degrees. West three rods and three  
 links to a stone at the South Easterly corner  
 of Samuel Smiths house lot, then South forty  
 eight and three quarter degrees West one  
 rod and twenty three links to a stone  
 opposite and three rods Westerly of a stone  
 on the Easterly side of the road leading under  
 the Western Rail Road Bridge. From the  
 monument near the northwesterly corner of  
 C. P. Parks land to the junction with Union  
 Street, and the road leading under Western  
 Rail Road Bridge. The survey was made on  
 the southerly side of the highway. -  
 On the fourth, and last portion of the  
 petition aforesaid viz: That part which  
 relates to Clay Hill road the Commissioners -  
 located as follows - viz commencing at a stone  
 monument on the southerly side of the road  
 near the junction of the Cabot road with the  
 Southampton road bearing from the guide  
 post standing between the said Cabot and  
 Southampton roads, South twenty degrees  
 and fifty minutes West, two rods and eighteen  
 links, then running North eighty nine and  
 three quarter degrees West eighteen rods and  
 eleven links to a stone the line run on this



course is in the center of the location and  
the monuments are set on the South Easterly  
or left hand side at the distance of one  
rod and a half rods from the line as runs,  
then South eighty and three quarter degrees  
West four rods and four links to a stone,  
then South sixty one and a half degrees  
West four rods and fourteen links to a  
stone, then South forty seven degrees West,  
twenty five rods and twenty two links to  
a stone, then South sixty one degrees West,  
five rods and twenty three links to a stone,  
then South seventy one degrees, West seven  
rods and five links to a stone, then South  
fifty four degrees West, two rods and four  
links to a stone, then South thirty five  
and a quarter degrees West, two rods to  
a stone, then South fourteen and a quarter  
degrees West fifteen rods and five links  
to a stone monument on the Easterly  
side of the highway bearing from the  
center of an Elm tree standing near the  
westerly side of the highway and near  
the bank of the brook on land of Minthrop  
Wells, South seventy nine and three  
quarter degrees East, eighty six links: thus  
for the lines except the first course and  
distance one runs on the Easterly or left  
hand side of the highway: at the end of  
the last course there is a monument on  
either side of the highway near the brook,  
and the remaining part of this survey  
is on the Westerly side of the highway:  
Then from said Westerly monument South  
eighteen and a half degrees West, across  
Backell's brook nineteen rods to a stone -  
then South twenty seven and a half  
degrees West six rods to a stone, then South  
forty eight degrees and twenty minutes West  
one hundred and nineteen rods and six  
links to a stone monument bearing from



The South easterly corner of Ira Green's dwelling house (underpinning) South twelve and three quarter degrees East fifty five links all the foregoing highway is located three rods wide.

And as to the second part of said petition and roadway therein described - evidence was introduced tending to show, and which proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that the inhabitants of the town of Westfield had acquired by prescription or long user a right to and across the river in the place referred to in said petition, and the Commissioners accordingly surveyed and set up monuments to mark the same, as the evidence showed it had been used by said inhabitants as follows, viz,

Beginning at a Stone monument standing on the Southwaly side of the old Pochassie road forty seven links Westerly of a Stone monument standing five and a half links Westerly of the Westerly end of the old Frederic Morgan house and also seventy three links from the South easterly corner of the Westerly abutment of the Western Rail Road Bridge, then running South forty two and a quarter degrees West, two rods to a Stone, then South twenty nine and a half degrees West, four rods to a Stone; for these two courses the way is two rods wide, then South seven degrees and ten minutes West in a range of a Stone four rods Southwaly of the commencement of this course seven rods and eleven links to a point near the western edge; the way for this course and distance is two rods wide at the commencement and four rods wide at the end, measured at right angles with the line as run at the end of the course, then South eight degrees and forty minutes West across the river eleven



rods and Twelve links to a stone. Then  
South fifty degrees West, nine rods and  
seven links to a stone. Then the same  
course three rods to a stone. Then South  
fifty four degrees West, five rods and seven  
links to a stone. Then the same course  
three rods and nine links to a stone  
monument on the Northerly side of  
meadow street. Said stone stands North  
seventeen degrees and twenty minutes  
East one hundred and twenty two links  
distant from the North westerly corner  
of H. D. Clark's brick dwelling house. Also  
North thirty six degrees West one hundred  
and seventeen links distant from the  
South westerly corner of the widow Fox's  
dwelling house, and all parts of said  
way the width of which is not herein  
before specified is four rods wide. The  
survey being made and the monument  
set on the Easterly or left hand side  
of the same. The last course and distance  
being three rods wide at the end, with  
straight side lines to all the courses.  
The County Commissioners having heard  
all persons and corporations interested,  
in relation to damages who expressed a  
desire to be heard thereon. Considered  
and adjudged that the following sums  
be paid to the several persons hereafter  
named in full compensation for all  
damage which they will sustain in  
consequence of the aforesaid locations. Viz  
John Gorman for alteration on May 11th 1880 by agreement 1880

John Lydia Bernis

5.00

And no other person or corporation appearing  
who in the opinion of the Commissioners  
was entitled to damages were awarded.  
The several abutting owners and occupants  
of land whose fences and other obstructions  
are within the limits of the aforesaid



ways, as surveyed and monumented  
and allowed until the first day of June  
next to remove the same therefrom -  
Henry Fuller Esq being disqualified by  
residence from acting on the above petition  
Gamaliel Bellins, Special Commissioner, was  
notified by the other commissioners and  
appeared and acted in his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry S. Brown } Commissioners  
Gamaliel Bellins, Special Commissioner  
Which report being read and considered  
is accepted and the roads established  
as and for public highways.

Refuge Prosser & others }  
Pet for alter of H. way in }  
Palmer, Ludlow & }  
Willbraham }  
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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire,  
Your petitioners, Inhabitants of the Towns of  
Palmer, Willbraham and Ludlow would respectfully  
represent, that the public convenience and  
wants require that the Highway leading from  
the village of Three Rivers in Palmer to the  
House of Elijah Plunkley in Ludlow, should  
be improved. - Your petitioners would therefore  
ask that your Honors would view the premises  
and make such alterations or repairs on  
said highway as may to you seem necessary,  
and as in duty bound we will ever pray.

Refuge Brown & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners, holden  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty six. At which meeting  
the Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice  
that they would meet for the purpose of  
said view, at Holt's Hotel in Three Rivers  
village on Wednesday the fifteenth day of  
October next, at nine o'clock, A.M. and  
it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by



the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,  
upon the clerks of the towns of Palmer,  
Wilbraham and Ludlow in said County,  
thirty days at least, before the said fifteenth  
day of October and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican  
a public newspaper printed in said County,  
three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the  
term of said view. And it was further  
ordered by the Commissioners that copies  
of said petition, or abstracts containing  
the substance thereof and this order, be  
posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in  
two public places in the towns of Palmer,  
Wilbraham and Ludlow fourteen days  
before said fifteenth day of October and  
that notice be given in manner aforesaid  
to all persons and corporations interested,  
that the County Commissioners deem a  
view of the premises expedient and proper,  
and that a view of the same would  
be taken by them at the time and place  
aforesaid. - And this petition was  
continued from meeting to meeting to  
the meeting of the County Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven,  
and the Sheriff of said County made his  
return as follows

Hampden, S.C. September 15<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerks of  
Palmer, Wilbraham, and Ludlow each with  
an attested copy of this petition and order  
by giving the same to them, also posted  
up in each of said towns in two public  
places an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition more than 14 days



before the time of said meeting.

A. Cutler, Sheriff.  
At which meeting the commissioners  
made their report in writing as follows  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield  
in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty six - on the petition of Rufus  
Brown and others there presented to said  
Commissioners, representing and setting forth  
that your petitioners inhabitants of the Towns  
of Palmer, Wilbraham and Ludlow would  
respectfully represent that the public convenience  
and wants require that the Highway leading  
from the Village of Three Rivers in Palmer  
to the house of Elizabeth Plowley in Ludlow  
should be improved. Your petitioners would  
therefore ask that your Honor would view  
the premises and make such alterations or  
repairs on said Highway as may to you  
seem necessary - and as in duty bound we  
will ever pray

Signed Rufus Brown & others  
as by said petition on file will appear.  
The Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Wednesday  
the fifteenth day of October there next and  
nine o'clock in the forenoon at Hotel Hotel  
in Three Rivers Village as the time and place  
for viewing the premises; and caused a copy  
of said petition to be served upon the clerk  
of the Towns of Palmer, Wilbraham and Ludlow  
being the towns within which such attention  
and repairs are prayed for, thirty days at  
least before the time appointed for said view,  
and also caused abstracts of said petition,  
containing the substance thereof, to be posted  
in two public places in Palmer, Wilbraham



and Ludlow; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifteenth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition. And said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Almond Homer } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners  
Henry Fuller }

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road or alterations prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at Sherman's Hotel in Palmer on Wednesday the fifth day of August next, at nine o'clock



in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and repairs by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of August. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerks of the towns of Palmer, Sudlow & Wilbraham with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Palmer, Sudlow and Wilbraham fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of August at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid, and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden S.D. July 6<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of this order I have deposited true and attested copies of this petition and order with the Town Clerks of Wilbraham, Palmer and Sudlow and also posted up in two public places in each of the towns of Wilbraham, Palmer and Sudlow abstracts containing the substance of the petition and order as within directed

J. S. Hills, Deputy Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Hampden S.S.

at a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six, on the petition of Rufus Brown and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that your petitioners Inhabitants of the towns of Palmer, Wilbraham and Ludlow would respectfully represent, that the public convenience and wants require that the highway leading from the village of Stone Rivers in Palmer to the house of Elijah Humley in Ludlow should be improved, your petitioners would therefore ask that your Honors would view the premises and make such alterations or repairs on said highway as may to you seem necessary and as we duty bound will ever pray.

Signed Rufus Brown & others  
as by said petition on file will appear.  
The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the fifteenth day of October then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at Hults Hotel in Stone Rivers Village as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Palmer, Wilbraham and Ludlow being the towns within which such alterations and repairs are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Palmer, Wilbraham and Ludlow; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published



in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the said fifteenth day of October the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Wednesday the fifth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at Sherman's Hotel in Lanes River Village in said Palmer as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said fifth day of August and by adjournment on Friday the twenty first day of August met and proceeded to locate and establish the following specific repairs to be made on so much of the present Highway as is included



in the following limits viz commencing at  
the terminus of the petition in the village of  
Shane Town in Palmer and extending through  
a part of Wilbraham across Red Bridge as  
called and terminating at a point in the  
highway in Ludlow nineteen thousand feet  
westerly of the planting of said Bridge and  
the highway included within the above  
limits is ordered to be thoroughly repaired  
in accordance with the specifications hereafter  
given. The hill in Ludlow westerly of said  
Red Bridge is to be graded as follows, a  
uniform grade will be required from a  
surface point in the center of the present  
road bed three hundred and fifty feet  
westerly of the planting of said bridge to a  
surface point in the center of the road bed  
eleven hundred and fifty feet westerly of  
said planting. Also a uniform grade will  
be required from a surface point in the  
center of the road bed twelve hundred feet  
westerly of said planting, to a surface point  
in the center of said road bed sixteen  
hundred feet westerly of the planting of  
said bridge. —

And the hill in Wilbraham Easterly of said  
Bridge is ordered to be graded as follows,  
a uniform grade will be required from a  
surface point in the center of the present  
road bed fifty feet westerly of a pine tree  
marked H to a surface point in the  
center of the road bed four hundred and  
fifty feet easterly of the commencement of  
said grade. — And the following directions  
are given for the repair and construction of  
the highway included in the above described  
limits: All rocks, stones, stumps and roots to  
the depth of ten inches from the surface of  
the road bed must be removed therefrom —  
and the road bed must be crowned from  
the exterior of the sides to the center thereof



to the height of ten inches and when completed must be eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches and side slopes so that teams and carriages may pass with safety over any part of the same - and the same must be so constructed as to avoid all unnecessary curvature and undulations. The side ditches where they are necessary must be constructed entirely without the road bed and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the travelled part of said road two and a half feet at an angle of twenty seven degrees, or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the road bed without unnecessary curvature in their direction and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road to the point of discharge, in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the side of the road bed. -

On the side of hills where the road is made partly by excavation and partly by embankments the road bed must be crowned in manner before mentioned from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center and from thence to the down hill side must be made nearly or quite level - All excavations and embankments unless protected by retaining walls must be constructed with side slopes of one and a half horizontal to one perpendicular foot. - Substantial railing will be required at all points by the side of the road bed - where the safety of the traveller renders the same necessary. The railing must be of straight chestnut poles not less than four inches in diameter in any part, and must be firmly joined or spliced together and securely fastened with iron bolts to posts two feet high above the surface of the



road. The posts not less than seven inches  
in diameter in any part and set ten and  
a half feet in the ground, and not more  
than twelve feet distant from each other  
from center to center and must be set with  
their exterior or outside at least sixteen  
inches from the edge of the embankment  
without in any way obstructing the <sup>afore</sup>said  
width of eighteen feet for the travelled part  
of the road. — Culverts will be required  
at all points on the highway where it is  
necessary to convey the water from one side  
of the road bed to the other. Two feet square in  
the clear, to be constructed of stones of suitable  
size and form. The abutment walls are to  
be two feet thick and of sufficient length  
for the base of the road and be so founded  
as to prevent the action of the water from  
undermining the same, and be covered  
with stone not less than five inches thick  
and three and a half feet long. — And  
it is further ordered that on all parts of  
the road where the materials within the  
travelled part of the same are unsuitable  
for making a hard and durable road a  
top covering of at least ten inches thick of  
good gravel or some other good material  
the best that can be obtained in the  
vicinity will be required over the whole  
width of eighteen feet for the travelled part  
of the road. —

And it is further ordered that the foregoing  
repairs be worked on said road by the  
towns of Palmer, Wilbraham and Sudbury  
in a thorough skilful and workmanlike  
manner and that the <sup>same</sup> be made hard safe  
and convenient for travellers to pass over with  
teams and carriages and that it be made  
and completed by the <sup>aforesaid</sup> towns to the  
acceptance of the County Commissioners on or  
before the first day of July next. After



locating as above the Commissioners heard all persons and corporation who desired to be heard on the question of damages and no person or corporation appearing to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners as one being entitled to damages none were awarded.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
Henry F. Brown }

Which report being read and considered is accepted and <sup>the</sup> road established as and for a public highway. —

Jehiel Abbott & others  
Pet for alter of H. Way  
in Westfield

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The subscribers represent that the Highway leading from the house of George Chandler in the town of Westfield northerly over Great River Bridge and past the depot to the Montgomery Road, where it passes the houses of Lemuel Smith and Owen Parks on the South to consider B. Mallory and Ira Adams Jr on the North side of the same, is narrow and encroached upon out of repair, crooked and the bounds of the same uncertain. We therefore pray that you would view the same establish the monuments and make such alterations, repairs and discontinuations as shall seem proper —

Westfield Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1856. Jehiel Abbott & others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six. at which meeting the Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Pontreue house in Westfield on Thursday the fifth day of November next, at one o'clock P. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the



Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the  
block of the town of Westfield in said County,  
thirty days at least, before the said fifth  
day of November and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Daily  
Argus a public newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said view, and it was further  
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies  
of said petition, or abstracts containing the  
substance thereof and this order be posted  
up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two  
public places in the town of Westfield fourteen  
days before said fifth day of November  
and that notice be given in manner aforesaid  
to all persons and corporations interested, that  
the County Commissioners deem a view of  
the premises expedient and proper, and  
that a view of the same would be taken  
by them at the time and place aforesaid.  
and this petition was continued to the  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
December in the year of our Lord  
eighteen hundred and fifty six, and  
the Sheriff of said County made his  
return as follows

Hampden Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1856

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> last,  
I notified the Inhabitants of the town  
Westfield of the meeting of the County Com-  
missioners within mentioned by leaving an  
attested copy of the within, with P. H. Boice  
Clerk of said Town, and have done in all  
things respecting the notice within mentioned  
as required by law. By Published in the  
Daily Argus and posted copies of the within  
in two public places in said town of Westfield.



and have complied with the within  
order in all respects

Fred<sup>d</sup>. Bush, J. Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made  
their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of  
the County of Hampden held at Springfield in  
said County, on the First Tuesday of October in  
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty  
six.

On the petition of John Abbott and others then  
presented to said Commissioners, representing  
and setting forth that the highway leading from  
the house of George Chandler in the town of  
Westfield, northerly over Great River Bridge  
and past the Depot, to the Montgomery Road  
where it passes the Houses of Lemuel Smith  
and Owen Parks on the South to Concord B.  
Mallory and Ira Seaman Jr on the North side  
of the same is narrow and encroached upon,  
out of repair, cracked and the bounds of the  
uncertain; We therefore pray that you  
would view the same, establish the monuments  
and make such alterations, repairs and discontinu-  
ances, as shall seem proper.

Westfield August 28<sup>th</sup> 1856. John Abbott & others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises  
expedient, appointed Thursday, the sixth day  
of November then next and one o'clock in the  
afternoon, at the Pontiacus House in Westfield  
as the time and place for viewing the premises;  
and caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being  
the town within which such Highway is  
prayed for, thirty days at least before the time  
appointed for said view; and also caused  
abstracts of said petition, containing the substance  
thereof, to be posted in two public places in



Westfield said town; and also gave notice  
to all persons interested by causing a copy  
of said petition to be published three weeks  
successively in the Daily Argus, a newspaper  
published in said County, said posting and  
the last publication of said copy having been  
fourteen days at least before the time appointed  
for said view; and before said view was  
had, said Commissioners gave notice in like  
manner as described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the  
time and place for commencing said view.  
And on the said sixth day of November  
the Commissioners met at the time and  
place appointed, and proceeded to view the  
premises, and having viewed the same,  
the Commissioners then determined to hear  
the parties at the same time of said view;  
and having heard the parties, said Com-  
missioners then proceeded to consider and  
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition.  
Said Commissioners then proceeded to  
consider and adjudicate upon the prayer  
of said petition; and after considering the  
same, said Commissioners did then and  
there adjudge that common convenience and  
necessity require that the prayer of the  
petitioners should be granted. Henry Fuller,  
one of the County Commissioners being resident  
in said town of Westfield, notice was given  
by the other members of the Board to R. C.  
Bemis one of the Special Commissioners who  
appeared and acted in his stead.

Alfred Horner } County  
Francis Brewer } Commissioners  
R. C. Bemis } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered,  
was accepted and the road prayed for,  
adjudged of common convenience and  
necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners  
ordered, that notice be given to all persons



and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the Porticoe House in Westfield on Thursday the twelfth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield daily Argus - a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of March, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Westfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield - fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of March at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid, and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. - And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. February 2<sup>d</sup> 1857

I have served the within by delivering a true copy of the within to the clerk of the town of Westfield, also I posted notices as within directed

J. M. Cooley 2<sup>d</sup> J. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners order this petition, dismissed without costs



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Emerson Hastings  
The undersigned inhabitants of the town of Palmer respectfully represent that the road repair of the way  
leading from Margaret + Jane Mc Masters to in Palmer  
intersect the road near Charles Hastings leading  
to Rockertown and in said town of Palmer  
is very narrow out of repair inconvenient  
and dangerous to the public travel. The  
therefore respectfully pray your Hon Board  
to view at your earliest possible convenience  
said road and order such repairs  
alterations or new constructions as you in  
your judgment shall deem best - as we  
duty bound will ever pray

Palmer Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1856. Emerson Hastings + others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the first Tuesday of  
October in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty six, at which meeting  
the Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice  
that they would meet for the purpose of said  
view, at the dwelling house of Charles Hastings  
in Palmer on Thursday the twentieth day of  
November next, at eleven o'clock, A. M., and  
it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by  
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon  
the Clerk of the town of Palmer in said County,  
thirty days at least, before the said twentieth  
day of November and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican  
a public newspaper printed in said County,  
three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time  
of said view. And it was further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said  
petition, or abstracts containing the substance



thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Palmer - fourteen days before said twentieth day of November and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. - and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
Hampden, S.S. October 20<sup>th</sup> 1856

I served the town clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town of Palmer an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

N. Butler Sheriff

And now the Commissioners order this petition - dismissed without costs. -

John Hyles to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden for New H. Way & alia. The undersigned would respectfully represent, & discontinue of H. Way that the road leading from Rufus Postlets in Brimfield Monson Brimfield through the north part of Monson to Palmer Depot on the Western Rail Road is narrow sandy and passes over a steep sand hill near the house of Marcia Merritt and is dangerous at the several crossings over said Rail Road. -

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The undersigned fully believe, that the hill may be avoided by the location and construction of a new road, to commence on the present road a little easterly of the hill near an apple tree, then westerly north of said house and connect with the present road near the house of James Fenton, and that the danger attending the crossing can be obviated



is lessened by constructing a new road for  
some portions of the route, and by alterations  
and repairs, other portions of the road much  
improved. We therefore request you to view  
the same and make such location of new  
road and alteration and repairs of the  
present road as in your opinion the public  
good requires and to discontinue such portions  
of the road leading from Gilman Royce to said  
twpot as may become unnecessary by  
your action on this petition and the  
construction of the new road now ordered  
leading easterly from Rufus Hostet's to near  
the house of said Gilman Royce.

Brimfield, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1857. John Hyles & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty seven, at which  
meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view  
of the premises expedient and proper, gave  
notice that they would meet for the purpose  
of said view, at the dwelling house of  
Rufus Hostet in Brimfield on Wednesday  
the third day of June next, at nine o'clock  
A.M. and it was ordered by the County  
Commissioners that a copy of said petition  
be served by the Sheriff of said County or  
his Deputy, upon the blocks of the towns of  
Brimfield, Monson and Palmer in said  
County, thirty days, at least, before the said  
third day of June and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Repub-  
lican a public newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourtieth days at least before  
the time of said view. And it was further  
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of



said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the towns of Braintree, Monson and Palmer fourteen days before said third day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. — and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth — Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven — and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden, S.D. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1857

By virtue of the within Petition and order I have served an attested copy of the within Petition and order as within directed upon each of the Town Clerks of the towns of Braintree, Monson and Palmer — as within directed. Also on the same first day of May 1857 I posted up two attested copies of the within Petition and order in two Public places in each of the towns of Braintree, Monson and Palmer as within directed more than 14 days before said 3<sup>d</sup> day of June

W. G. Marsh, Sheriff,

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, S.D.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven — on the petition of John Hyles and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the undersigned would respectfully represent



that the road leading from Rufus Foote's in  
Brimfield through the north part of Monson  
to Palmer depot on the Western Pine Road  
is narrow sandy, and passes over a steep  
sand hill near the house of Marcia Mernick  
and is dangerous at the several crossings  
over said Rail Road. -

The undersigned Gully believe, that the hill  
may be avoided by the location and construction  
of a new road, to commence on the present  
road a little easterly of the hill near an  
apple tree, then westerly north of said  
house and connect with the present road  
near the house of James Fenton, and that  
the danger attending the crossing can be  
obviated or lessened by constructing a  
new road for some portions of the route,  
and by alterations and repairs others  
portions of the road much improved. We  
therefore request you to view the same  
and make such location of new road  
and alteration and repairs of the present  
road as in your opinion the public good  
requires and to discontinue such portions  
of the road leading from Gilman Hayes to  
said depot as may become unnecessary  
by your action on this petition and the  
construction of the new road now ordered  
leading easterly from Rufus Foote's to near  
the house of said Gilman Hayes.

Brimfield March 9<sup>th</sup> 1857. John Wyles & others  
The commissioners, desiring a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Wednesday  
the third day of June then next and  
nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house  
of Rufus Foote in Brimfield as the time  
and place for viewing the premises; and  
caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the clerks of the town of Brimfield  
Monson and Palmer being the towns within  
which such Highway and alterations are prayed.



for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said third day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of petitioners be granted in part. Henry H. Brown Esq one of the County Commissioners being disqualified from residence, Daniel G. White Esq one of the Special Commissioners was notified by the other Commissioners to attend and act in his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners

Daniel G. White } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the road as specified in



said report, adjudged of common convenience  
and necessity. At which meeting the  
commissioners ordered, that notice be given  
to all persons and corporations interested  
therein, that said commissioners would  
meet at the dwelling-house of Rufus Foster  
in Springfield on Tuesday the eighteenth  
day of August next, at nine o'clock in  
the fore noon, for the purpose, of locating  
said highway ~~and~~ alteration and discontinuance  
by publishing an abstract of said petition  
and this order therein, in the Springfield  
Republican, a public newspaper printed  
in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at  
least before the said eighteenth day of  
August, - And it was further ordered  
by the County Commissioners, that the  
Sheriff of said County, or his deputy serve  
the Clerk of the Town of Springfield Monson  
and Palmer - with a copy of said petition  
and this order, thirty days at least - and  
post up abstracts containing the substance  
thereof in two public places in said towns  
of Springfield, Monson and Palmer fourteen  
days at least before the said eighteenth day  
of August, at which time the said commissioners  
would proceed to locate as aforesaid and  
would hear all persons and corporations  
interested therein, who may then and there  
desire to be heard, and assess such damages  
as in their opinion may be just and proper  
by reason of the location of said road. -  
And this petition was continued from meeting  
to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff  
of said County in pursuance of said order  
makes his return as follows

Hampden S.D. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of this warrant I this day  
serve an attested copy of the within petition  
and order upon each of the town clerks of



The towns of Brimfield, Monson and Palmer as  
 within directed. Also on the same day I  
 posted up two copies of the same in two  
 public places in each of the said towns of  
 Brimfield, Monson and Palmer.

R. G. Marsh Sheriff  
 and now the Commissioners make their  
 report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
 of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
 in said County, on the second Tuesday of  
 April in the year of our Lord eighteen  
 hundred and fifty seven. On the petition  
 of John Hayes and others then presented to  
 said Commissioners, representing and setting  
 forth that the road leading from Rufus Foster's  
 in Brimfield through the North part of Monson  
 to Palmer Depot on the Western Rail Road is  
 narrow, sandy, and passes over a steep sand  
 hill near the house of Maria Murnick, and  
 is dangerous at the several crossings over said  
 Rail Road. The undersigned fully believe that  
 the hill may be avoided by the location and  
 construction of a new road to commence on  
 the present road a little easterly of the hill  
 near an apple tree, then westerly, North of said  
 house and connect with the present road near  
 the house of James Fenton, and that the danger  
 attending the crossing can be obviated or  
 lessened by constructing a new road for  
 some portions of the route, and by alteration  
 and repairs, other portions of the road much  
 improved. We therefore request you to view  
 the same and make such location of new road  
 and alterations and repairs of the present road  
 as in your opinion the public good requires,  
 and to discontinue such portions of the road leading  
 from Solomon Hayes to said Depot as may become  
 unnecessary by your action on this petition.



and the construction of the new road now ordered leading easterly from Rufus Hooker's to near the house of Leonard Hayes. — as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the third day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Rufus Hooker in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Springfield, Monson and Palmer being the towns within which such new road and alterations are prayed for. Thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places on each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had. Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. —

And on the said third day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after



The hearing. Said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petition be granted in part, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the eighteenth day of August their next and more a clock in the forenoon, at the house of Rufus Hockett in said Brimfield as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway, alterations and discontinuances and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, on the said eighteenth day of August met and proceeded to locate as follows, viz:

"Commencing at a stone monument on the northerly side of the highway leading from Brimfield center to Palmer Depot, Westerly of the house of George Puffer, then running North thirty nine and three quarters degrees West, six rods and eight links to a stone, then North forty three and three quarters degrees West twenty nine rods and twenty one links to a stone, then North forty three degrees West forty seven rods to a stone, then North forty five and a half degrees West, twenty seven rods and eleven links to a stone, then North forty eight and three quarters degrees West, seven rods and eleven links to a stone, then North sixty three and a quarter degrees West five rods and twelve links to a stone, then North twenty three and a half degrees West, thirty one rods to a stone, then North forty nine and a half degrees West, four rods and seven links to a



stone, then North thirty one and three quarter  
degrees West, two rods and twenty three links  
to a stone monument on range of the Westerly  
side of James Hewtons barn, being three rods  
from the end of the wall on the southerly  
side of the aforesaid Bromfield and Palmer  
Highway, the survey is made on the Northwely  
or right hand side of the highway and  
the same is located three rods under being  
southerly of the monuments, and embracing  
also as highway all the land lying between  
the southerly line of the new highway and  
the northwely line of the aforesaid Bromfield  
and Palmer highway: Westerly of a point  
Northwely and on range of the Easterly end  
of James Hewtons dwelling house. -

The following directions are given for the  
construction of the road on the foregoing  
location. viz The bed of the road must be  
constructed on the center of and parallel with  
the location except at or near angles which  
must be judiciously rounded so as to render  
its turning as gradual and easy as practicable,  
also the bridge hereafter described may be  
constructed with two thirds of its width  
on either side of the center line of the  
location of the town so that so as to admit  
of a fordway across said brook - and the  
road bed must be so constructed as to connect  
properly with said bridge at either end  
thereof. The road bed must be thoroughly  
ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and  
be thoroughly cleared of all rocks, stones, stumps  
and roots; the top soil where it is unsuitable  
for making a hard and permanent road  
must be removed out of the road bed  
or may be used in embankment, if it  
be so placed as not to be within twelve  
inches of the surface of the road when  
finished. Where the materials within the  
road bed are unsuitable for making a hard



and durable road and the sub soil under the same is of a loamy or clay character. a top covering of at least two inches of good hardening material is the best that can be obtained (whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of the road bed. where the subsoil is sand, the said road bed, after being properly graded must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick and afterwards with a top covering of good hardening material eight inches thick spread evenly over its whole surface. said road bed must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides to the center to the height of twelve inches. and when completed must be twenty feet in width exclusive of the side slopes and ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the same. and the grade of said road bed must be as follows viz from the first station being opposite the monument at the commencement of the location (nearly in the center of the present road bed) to a point three feet vertical above station No 5 a uniform grade will be required, being four hundred feet from the commencement of the location, from thence a uniform grade to a surface point forty feet West of station ten being seven hundred and ninety feet from the commencement of location, from thence uniform to station twelve, from thence uniform to a point one foot below the surface at station sixteen, from thence uniform to the surface at station seventeen, from thence uniform to the surface at station twenty, from thence uniform to the surface at station twenty two, from thence uniform to the top of the planking of the bridge, from thence uniform to station twenty six, from thence uniform to station twenty seven, from



thence uniform to station twenty nine being opposite the monument at the end of the location. The stations above referred to are the level stations and are one hundred feet distant from each other, except stations six, seven, eight and nine which are fifty feet distant. The grade line required as above, represents the base of the road bed, and the crowning of twelve inches required by this order is in all cases to be placed on or above said line. —

A culvert will be required in the channel near stations six, two and a half feet square in the clear between the abutments, and twenty four feet long measured at right angles with the road bed. The abutments are to be laid on a permanent foundation and be constructed of stone of proper size and form, two and a half feet thick at the bottom and one and a half feet thick at the top and to be of such height that the culvert shall be in the clear two feet high above the surface of the ground at station No six and be covered with stone not less than four inches thick and four feet long. Additional culverts will be required at all points where it is necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other to be two feet square in the clear and of sufficient height for the base of the road bed. Said culverts must be constructed of stone of suitable size and form. The abutment walls are to be two feet thick, and laid straight on their faces and be so founded as to prevent the action of the water from undermining them and be covered with stone not less than four inches thick and three and a half feet long. —

The side ditches where they are necessary must be constructed entirely without the road bed and must be made by sloping from the



exterior line of said road bed two and a half feet at an angle of twenty four degrees or two and a half feet slope to one foot measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road. They must be worked parallel with the center line of the road bed without unnecessary curvature in their direction and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road to the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the side of the road bed.

All excavations and embankments unless protected by retaining walls must be constructed with side slopes of one and a half horizontal to one perpendicular foot. Substantial railing will be required at all points by the side of the road bed where the safety of the traveller shall appear to render the same necessary the railing must be of straight Chestnut poles not less than five inches in diameter in any part and securely fastened with iron bolts to posts set two feet high above the face of the road, the posts not less than seven inches in diameter in any part and set two and a half feet in the ground and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. All joinings or splittings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the posts aforesaid by chamfering the ends of each of said poles at least one foot in length in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together. All supports of railings must be placed with their exterior or outside at least eighteen inches from the edge of the embankment, without in any way obstructing the aforesaid width of the road bed; except where stone supports are substituted upon retaining walls they may be placed in range of the face of said walls without obstructing



The aforesaid width of twenty feet. —

A Bridge will be required across Little Brook "as called" sixteen feet span in the clear between the abutment walls, and five feet high in the clear from the bed of the brook, and twenty feet wide. The abutment walls are to be constructed of suitable size and form and three feet thick at the bottom and two at the top, and to be laid upon a permanent foundation below the bed of the brook, and to be protected by suitable wing walls: the earth underneath the Bridge is to be removed so that the same shall be five feet in the clear in every part. Not less than seven string pieces will be required for said Bridge, which must be faced upon the upper side to the width of not less than eight inches, and be not less than one foot thick in the center and at least eight inches thick between the faces at the ends, said string pieces are to rest upon caps of timber eight by nine inches square laid upon the top of the abutments and of sufficient length to receive the ends of braces for the support of side railings. The Bridge is to be covered with chestnut planks three inches thick and not more than twelve inches wide and well fastened to the string pieces, — and the Bridge must be protected by good and substantial side railing, The edges of the plank at the ends of the Bridge must be protected by stocks of timber hewed seven inches thick on the side placed even with the edge and the top of the planthing, and seven inches thick at the bottom, and be beveled on the upper surface so that the outer edge shall be but five inches thick. All timber used in the construction of the aforesaid Bridge must be of white chestnut and free from defects of any kind, and all



The materials well adapted for the purpose to which they are applied. — The following specific repairs will be required upon the present highway, viz The Bridge crossing the brook near Rufus Foster must be rebuilt and carried as near the northerly line of the road as the travelled path will require, and to be built with abutments and wing walls three feet thick at the bottom and two at the top and the same height as the present Bridge, and twenty feet wide measured transversely with the road bed, and covered with good chestnut plank two and a half inches thick and not more than twelve inches wide, the distance between the abutment walls to be the same as the present Bridge. —

The highway from said Bridge westerly to the commencement of the new location is to be thoroughly repaired and made twenty feet wide exclusive of side ditches and crowned to the height of twelve inches. The rocks near the pine trees on the southerly side of the road easterly of George Buffers are to be removed to the depth of twelve inches below the surface of the road bed and the hill near the pines must be reduced one foot at the top and the surplus material placed at the bottom of the hill, and the same brought to an even grade, the increased width ordered for the road bed on the highway is easterly of George Buffers to the foot of the hill to be made on the southerly side of the same, all that part of the road bed which is sandy lying between the foot of the first hill westerly of the dwelling house of James Hunter and a point three rods westerly of the Guide Post at the junction of the old Palmer road must have a covering of good hardening material eight inches thick. All that part of the Brimfield and Palmer



road lying in the town of Monson, which is sandy will require a covering of good hardening material at least two inches thick. A fill of one foot will be required five rods easterly of the planting of the bridge across Chicopee River, and the road bed must be so constructed that the grade shall be uniform from the top of said planting to the top of said fill. Also nearly uniform from the top of said fill to the foot of the hill easterly of said bridge, and the road bed on said hill must be so constructed by cutting at or near the top and filling at the bottom that the grade shall on no part thereof exceed four degrees.—

On that part of the Brimfield and Palmer highway lying in the town of Palmer the following repairs are ordered viz. a fill will be required westerly of the bridge across Chicopee river and the grade of the road bed must be uniform from the top of the planting of the westerly end of said bridge to a point two rods westerly of the same, and the earth for said purpose must be taken from the high points on the hill westerly of said bridge in such manner as to make the grade of said hill nearly uniform,

And the old road leading from near Rufus Foster towards Brimfield to the intersection of the new road West of Barnes Olds house is hereby discontinued: excepting that portion of the same embraced in the following limits viz. commencing at a point near the junction of the old Monson road (near the School House) in range with the easterly end of said School House and extending westerly seven rods,

After locating as above the County Commissioners heard all persons and corporations



who desired to be heard in relation to damages and after hearing, considered and adjudged that the following sums be paid to the several persons hereafter named in full compensation for all damages which they will sustain in consequence of the aforesaid location -

viz S. Marcia Merrick Six Hundred Dollars \$600  
 Pliny L. Spaulding has an estate for years in the premises through which the aforesaid highway is located (see act of 1851 Chap 290) - and in the opinion of the commissioners no other person being entitled to damages none were awarded. and it is further ordered that the several land owners be allowed until the first day of April next to remove their wood, timber, trees, crops and other obstructions to the execution of this order from the location aforesaid. -

And it is further ordered that the towns of Primmfield, Monson and Palmer execute the above order so far as the same applies to their respective towns and that the same be done in a thorough and workmanlike manner and that the road be made hard safe and convenient for travellers to pass over with their teams and carriages and that it be done and completed by the towns aforesaid to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of August next. Henry L. Brown Esq being unable to attend after due notice being given by the other Commissioners Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners appeared and acted in his stead

Francis Brewer } County  
 Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
 Daniel G. White } Special Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as



and for a public highway and the  
discontinuance of said highway as specified  
in the aforesaid report is established  
acceptance of report made in session Dec. page 274  
Palmer Dec. page 295

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Bailey West and  
the undersigned citizens of Chicopee respectfully Petition for a town way  
represents that they have petitioned the <sup>in Chicopee</sup>  
Selectmen of said town for some alterations of  
the portion of Grape Street in the village  
of Chicopee beginning at its junction with  
Front Street, and running to the bridge  
over the canal as it is constantly in bad  
repair and unfit for public travel and  
it being a private way cannot be conven-  
iently maintained in such a condition as  
the public good demands. They having refused  
to view and make the alterations which  
we think the public require, we therefore  
pray your Honorable Board to view the  
premises and lay out establish and grade  
said Street as a Town way.

Bailey West & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners held for  
said County on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty seven, at which  
meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view  
of the premises expedient and proper, gave  
notice that they would meet for the purpose  
of said view, at the Labor House in Chicopee  
on Monday the eighth day of June next, at  
one o'clock P.M.: and it was ordered by the  
County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of  
Chicopee in said County, thirty days at least,  
before the said eighth day of June and that  
all other persons and corporations interested  
therein be notified by publishing a copy  
of said petition and this order thereon in



The Chicopee Weekly Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Chicopee fourteen days before said eighth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners - holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. -

Hampden Co. May 7-1857

By virtue of the within Petition and order I have served an attested copy of the within Petition and order as within directed upon the town clerk of the town of Chicopee as within directed. Also on the same seventh day of May I posted up two attested copies of the within Petition and order in two public places in the town of Chicopee as within directed more than 14 days before the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June.

R. B. Marsh Sheriff,

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and



fifty seven. - On the petition of Bailey West  
and others then presented to said Commissioners,  
representing and setting forth that. The  
undersigned citizens of Chicopee respectfully  
represent that they petitioned the Selectmen  
of said town for some alterations of that  
portion of Grape Street in the village of  
Chicopee, beginning at its junction with  
Front Street and running to the Bridge  
over the canal. As it is constantly in bad  
repair and unfit for public travel, and  
it being a private way cannot be conven-  
iently maintained in such a condition  
as the public good demands. - They having  
refused to view and make the alterations  
which we think the public require. We  
therefore pray your Honorable Board to  
view the premises and lay out, establish and  
grade said street as a Town way

Signed Bailey West, & others

as by said petition on file will appear.  
The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient appointed Monday, the  
eighth day of June then next and on which  
in the afternoon, at the Court House in Chicopee  
as the time and place for viewing the  
premises; and caused a copy of said petition  
to be served upon the clerk of the town of  
Chicopee being the town within which such  
location and alterations, were prayed for,  
thirty days at least before the time appointed  
for said view; and also caused abstracts of  
said petition containing the substance, to be  
posted in two public places in said town;  
and also gave notice to all persons interested  
by causing a copy of said petition to be published  
in three weeks successively in the Chicopee  
Weekly Journal a newspaper published in  
said County. said posting and the last  
publication of said copy having been  
fourteen days at least before the time appointed



for said view; and before said view was held, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the said eighth day of June the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that the Selectmen of Chicopee had unreasonably neglected and refused to lay out such town way, when requested so to do, and that the common convenience and necessity of the inhabitants of Chicopee requires that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

Francis Brewer } County  
 Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
 Henry T. Brown }

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the town way prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the county commissioners holden for said county on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven. at which meeting the commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners would meet at the Cabot House in Chicopee on Wednesday the second day of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said town way by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in



The Springfield Republican a public newspaper  
printed in said County. Three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the said second day of December.  
and it was further ordered by the County  
Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County,  
or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of  
Chicopee with a copy of said petition and  
this order. Thirty days at least and post  
up abstracts containing the substance thereof  
in two public places in said Town of Chicopee  
fourteen days at least before the said second  
day of December at which time the said  
Commissioners would proceed to locate as  
aforesaid - and would hear all persons  
and corporations interested therein, who  
may then and there desire to be heard,  
and assess such damages as in their  
opinion may be just and proper, by  
reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this  
meeting. And the Sheriff of said County  
in pursuance of said order makes his  
return as follows

Hampden Co. November 2<sup>d</sup> 1857

I have this day served the within  
petition and order by delivering to Sister  
Dickinson Esq Town Clerk of the Town of  
Chicopee a true and attested copy of said  
petition and order and I have also  
posted up copies of the same in two public  
places in said Chicopee, viz at the Post  
Office and the Depot.

L. B. Rowland, Dep<sup>t</sup> Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make  
their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield  
in said County on the second Tuesday of



April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven.

On the petition of Bailey West and others there presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the undersigned citizens of Chicopee respectfully represent that they petitioned the Selectmen of said town for some alteration of that portion of Grape Street in the village of Chicopee beginning at its junction with Front Street and running to the Bridge over the canal. As it is constantly in bad repair, and unfit for public travel, and it being a private way cannot be conveniently maintained in such condition as the public good demands. They having refused to view and make the alterations which we think the public require. We therefore pray Your Honorable Board to view the premises and lay out, establish and grade said street as a town way.

Signed Bailey West and others as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Monday, the eighth day of June then next and one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Cabot House in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such location and repairs are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Weekly Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been



fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said Eighth day of June the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the regular meeting of the commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that the Selectmen of Chisopee had unreasonably neglected and refused to lay out such town way when requested so to do, and that the common convenience and necessity of the inhabitants of Chisopee require that the prayer of the petition should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Wednesday the second day of December then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Babot House in said Chisopee as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate said town way and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location - in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, on the said second day of December met and



proceeded to locate a town way as follows  
 to wit. - Commencing at a Stone Monument  
 on the Northwesterly line of Front Street near the  
 South westerly corner of J. S. Ames dwelling house  
 lot. Then running North ten degrees and thirty  
 five minutes East fifteen rods and sixteen  
 links to a stone. The road for this course  
 and distance is located forty eight feet wide.  
 Then North four and a half degrees East five  
 rods and one link to a stone in range of a  
 row of trees standing nearly in range of the  
 Northwesterly end of John Chase dwelling house.  
 The road for this course and distance is  
 forty eight feet wide at the commencement  
 and sixty four and four tenths feet wide at  
 the end. Then North eighteen degrees West  
 three rods and two links to a stone monument  
 at the North westerly corner of John Chase house  
 lot. The road for this course and distance  
 is sixty four and four tenths feet wide. And  
 the width of the foregoing road is from the  
 out side of the monuments with straight  
 side lines from all the angles the survey  
 being made and the monuments set on  
 the Easterly side of the road. The following  
 directions are given for repairing the above  
 road. viz. The road bed must be reconstructed  
 in part so that the grade shall be uniform  
 from a surface point fifty feet Southwesterly  
 of the South rail of the Rail road to a  
 surface point two hundred feet Southwesterly  
 of said Rail road tract, and a substantial  
 Stone Culvert will be required in place of  
 the present wood culvert. The same to be  
 located at some point most favorable  
 for conveying the water from one side of  
 the road bed to the other, and the road  
 bed must be made sufficiently crowning  
 to convey all accumulating water directly to  
 the side ditches and when completed to  
 be not less than twenty feet wide exclusive



of the side ditches, no person or corporation  
appearing to claim damages - and in the  
opinion of the commissioners no person  
has sustained damages, and none have  
been awarded.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
Henry F. Brown }

Which report being read and considered  
is accepted and the road established as  
and for a public Town way. -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Samuel Dralle is  
The undersigned Citizens of Westfield & Southwick Petitioners of the County  
respectfully represent that the highway leading from Westfield to Southwick  
from the house of Roland Loomis in Westfield  
to the house of Samuel Thellogg in Southwick  
is narrow crooked and without bounds.  
We would therefore petition your board  
to view the premises and make such  
alterations in location and order such  
repairs as your board may think expedient  
and your petitioners as in duty bound  
will ever pray

Westfield Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1857. Samuel Dralle & others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty seven and by  
adjournment on the first day of September  
in said year - at which meeting the  
commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice  
that they would meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the dwelling house of  
Roland Loomis in Westfield on Thursday  
the eighth day of October next, at ten  
o'clock, A.M. and it was ordered by the  
County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said



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County or his Deputy, upon the bells of the towns of Westfield and Southwick in said County, thirty days at least, before the said eighth day of October and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Westfield and Southwick fourteen days before said eighth day of October and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden Co. Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1857

I hereby certify that I have complied with the within orders by serving attested copies of the within on the bells of Westfield and Southwick and posting up copies in two public places in each of the towns of Westfield and Southwick

J. Bush, Jr. Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,



in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven and by adjournment on the first day of September in the same year. — On the petition of Samuel Drake and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the highway leading from the house of Roland Loomis in Westfield to the house of Samuel Kellogg in Southwick is narrow, crooked and without bounds and praying for such alterations and repairs as the Commissioners deem expedient. — as by said petition on file will fully appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expediently appointed Thursday, the eighth day of October then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Roland Loomis in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Westfield and Southwick being the towns within which such alterations and repairs are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested,



of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighth day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that the same being a town way, they have no jurisdiction of the matter embraced in the aforesaid petition, and the petition is dismissed without costs, Henry Fuller Esq. being disqualified by residence. G. Collins Special Commissioner was notified and appeared and acted in his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry F. Brown } Commissioners  
Garnahel Collins } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted and this petition is dismissed without costs.

J. A. Brown & Co.  
Petrs for discontin of H. way  
in Palmer  
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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned petitioners inhabitants of the town  
of Palmer respectfully request your honorable  
body to view the town road formerly laid  
by the County Commissioners beginning at or  
near the public house in Bondville and  
running thence Northerly by the house of  
Rodney Davis and through land of the Boston  
Duck Company to the highway near the factory  
of said Company and discontinue the lay  
of the Northerly part of said road beginning  
at an oak tree on the line of the Boston Duck  
Co's land, thence Northerly through said  
Company's land to the County road opposite  
the factory of said Company. Your petitioners



believe that the public good demands that  
their prayer should be granted.  
Palmer July 24<sup>th</sup> 1857

J. A. Brown & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty seven and by  
adjournment on the first day of September  
in the same year - at which meeting the  
Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice  
that they would meet for the purpose of said  
view, at the dwelling house of Sylvester  
Miller in Palmer on Tuesday the twentieth  
day of October next, at ten o'clock, A. M.;  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon  
the clerk of the town of Palmer in said County,  
thirty days, at least, before the said twentieth  
day of October, and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican  
a public newspaper printed in said County,  
three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time  
of said view. And it was further ordered  
by the Commissioners, that copies of said  
petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof and this order, be posted up by  
said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places  
in the town of Palmer fourteen days before  
said twentieth day of October and that  
notice be given in manner aforesaid to all  
persons and corporations interested, that the  
County Commissioners deem a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, and that  
a view of the same would be taken by them.



at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. -  
Hampden Co. Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of the within petition and order I have this day served an attested copy of the within petition and order upon the Town Clerk for the Town of Palmer and also on the same day, I posted up attested copies thereof in two public places in the town of Palmer as within directed.

R. L. Marsh { Sheriff

and now the Commissioners order this petition - Dismissed without Costs.

Selectmen of Blandford  
asked for discontinuance  
of High Way in  
Blandford  
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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The Subscribers respectfully represent that  
whereas on the petition of James Stewart and  
others presented to the County Commissioners in  
April A.D. 1854, a highway was laid out  
over the land of Dennis and Randall Nye  
and others in the Town of Blandford as  
set forth and described in the return of  
the location thereof now on file, and to  
which your petitioners beg leave to refer  
for a description of said road as to its  
location and termini - and whereas your  
petitioners believe that the public interest does  
not call for the working and construction of  
said road above or North West of the dwelling  
house of Clark Nye - now therefore they respectfully  
pray that after due proceedings had, and before  
possession has been taken of the land  
over which the same is located for the  
purpose of constructing said road, so much  
of said highway as is located above or North  
West of said dwelling house may be discontinued  
Blandford September 30<sup>th</sup> 1857. S. A. Bartholomew Selectman

E. M. Shepard }  
Eli Osborne } Blandford

— and others —



The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Clark Nye in Blandford on Thursday the nineteenth day of November next, at nine o'clock, A.M., and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Blandford in said County, thirty days at least before the said nineteenth day of November and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Blandford fourteen days before said nineteenth day of November and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows -

Hampden Co. Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1857



I have served the within order as within directed.

J. M. Cooley, Esq. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven, on the petition of Selectmen of Blandford and others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that whereas on the petition of James Stewart and others presented to the County Commissioners in April 1854 a highway was laid out over the land of Dennis and Randall Nye and others in the town of Blandford and your petitioners believing that the public interest does not call for the working and construction of so much of said road as lies above or Northwest of the dwelling house of Clark Nye, pray that the same may be discontinued, — as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the nineteenth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Clark Nye in Blandford as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Blandford being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Blandford said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively



in the Springfield Republican a newspaper  
published in said County, said posting and  
the last publication of said copy having been  
fourteen days at least before the time appointed  
for said view; and before said view was  
had, said Commissioners gave notice in like  
manner as described in the foregoing notice of  
the petition, to all persons interested, of the  
time and place for commencing said view,  
and on the said nineteenth day of November  
the Commissioners met at the time and  
place appointed, and proceeded to view  
the premises, and having viewed the same,  
the Commissioners then determined to hear  
the parties at the same time of said view;  
and having heard the parties, said Commissioners  
then proceeded to consider and adjudicate  
upon the prayer of said petition; and after  
considering the same, said Commissioners did  
then and there adjudge that common-  
convenience and necessity does not require  
that the prayer of the petition should be  
granted and the same is dismissed with  
costs taxed at Thirty one dollars and thirty  
five cents. Henry Fuller not agreeing in the  
opinion of the other Commissioners does not  
sign this report

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry J. Brown } Commissioners

Which report being read and considered  
is accepted - and it is ordered that this  
petition be dismissed with costs.

The County Commissioners, having viewed  
and carefully examined throughout, the specific repairs acceptance of  
upon the Highway in Monson, located and ordered upon specific repairs  
the petition of John Wyles and others, and having found, in Monson  
the same well made, constructed and completed. - on pet of John  
according to the order of <sup>the</sup> Commissioners thereon, the Wyles and  
same is by them accepted. -



Estimate of Taxes for the County of Hampden  
for the year 1858 Prepared by the County Commissioners  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 1857.

For payment of fines of several courts	\$400.00
" " Officers of courts & messengers	2100.00
" " Clerks of courts	300.00
" " For Inquest	250.00
" " " Services of Overseers	300.00
" " " County & Special Commissioners Fee	1700.00
" " " Damages for land taken for highways	3000.00
" " " Surveyor, Attorneys, Sheriffs & fines on roads	400.00
" " " For Monuments on highways & building roads	200.00
" " " Board of Prisoners in jail & House of Correction	7000.00
" " " Assistant at the jail & House of Correction	700.00
" " " Fuel & Lights for County buildings	1200.00
" " " Record Books, Indexes, Stationery & Printing	600.00
" " " Repairs of County buildings & furniture	600.00
" " " Clothing, Bedding, Medical attendance for prisoners and incidental expenses of jail & House of Correction	800.00
" " " Commissioners of Accounts &c	27.00
" " " Chaplain of jail & House of Correction	200.00
" " " Overseers of " " "	150.00
" " " Costs and allowances on Criminals Bills	6600.00
" " " Committing Lunatics to Hospital	40.00
" " " Payment of debt and interest	2525.00
" " " County Treasurer Salary	400.00
	<u>\$33000.00</u>

County is indebted for orders on the Treasury up to \$1575.93

Statement of amount of Borrowed Money  
For the County of Hampden & due from the same  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 1857. viz —

Borrowed of sundry individuals on notes payable  
on demand — for expenses incurred in building  
House of Correction and additional buildings  
for the same and repairs amounting to \$810.00  
\$3385.93

Due the County on County tax for 1857 \$89148.91

Henry Fuller }  
Henry J. Brown } County  
Nelson B. Park } Commissioners



The report of the inspectors of prisoners being made is accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The County Treasurer is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars in anticipation of the County taxes and to give notes therefor.

The land damages awarded to Riley Smith on the petition of the Selectmen of West-Springfield are increased seventy five dollars.

The Clerk is directed to notify the town of Holyoke of the completion of the highway on the petition of Chester Crafts &als and requiring the Inhabitants to pay into the Treasury of the County the expense of completing the same - amounting to the sum of one hundred thirty eight dollars and ten cents.

Several accounts against the County being presented for allowance amounting to the sum of two thousand one hundred thirty five dollars and seventy six cents are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury -

Hampden, S.D. April 1<sup>st</sup> 1858.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Wm. Morris Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the thirtieth day of the month to the fourteenth day of the month and by adjournment on the twentieth day of said month and from day to day to the twenty third day of said month and by adjournment on the twenty eighth day of said month to the twenty ninth day of said month and by adjournment on the fifth day of May and by adjournment on the twentieth day of May and by adjournment on the twenty sixth day of said month of May, and by adjournment on the twenty eighth day of said month of May, and by adjournment on the third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Present, Henry Fuller, Esquire } Chairman  
Henry T. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parker } Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of J. L. Thompson vs  
Hampden. The subscribers respectfully represent; to show  
that the road passing over the mountains by Hely in Helyoke  
and through the premises of the late David Bassett  
in Helyoke is in such a condition that it  
cannot be traveled with safety and that the  
convenience of the traveling public does not  
require its continuance. Therefore we request  
that you would discontinue all that portion  
of said road, which lies between its point  
of intersection with the road leading from  
Lydenham Street to Lyman Beets on the west  
to its point of intersection with the road  
leading from Widow Jarvis to Chester Crafts on



the East, all which we pray may be done as to your honorable board the public interest shall require -

Holyoke Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1855

J. C. Thompson & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty five, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven, and by adjournment on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 1858, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke on Tuesday the sixth day of April next, at one o'clock, P. M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days at least, before the said sixth day of April - and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Holyoke Mirror a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said sixth day of April and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the



same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was returned to the meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows:—

Hampden, S.S. — March 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

By virtue of the within notice and order I have this day notified the inhabitants of the town of Holyoke and all persons + corporations interested in said notice + order by giving Gustavus Snow, Town Clerk of said Holyoke an attested copy of this notice and order — also by pasting up an attested copy of the same at the Garrison House and at Chester Crafts House situate in said Holyoke

R. G. Marsh, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows:—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, S.S. —

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five and by adjournment on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1856 on the petition of J. L. Thompson + others then presented to said Commissioners — and continued from meeting to meeting until the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1858 representing and setting forth that the road passing over the mountain by and through the premises of the late David Bassett in Holyoke is in such a condition that it cannot be traveled with safety and that the convenience of the traveling public does not require its continuance and requesting that all that portion of said road which lies between its point of intersection with the road leading from Lydenham <sup>Street</sup> to Lyman Bents on the west to its point of intersection with the road leading from Widow Jarvis to Chester Crafts on the East be discontinued, as by said



petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the sixth day of April then next and one o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Mirror a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described on the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixth day of April the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity - "do not require the continuance of that portion of said road which lies between its point of intersection with the road leading from Sydenham Street to Lyman Burt on the west to its point of intersection with the road leading from Widow Jarvis to Chester Crafts



on the East as a public highway and that the  
same be and is hereby discontinued, excepting  
reserving however the right of way to all  
land owners their heirs and assigns whose  
land lies near to or adjoins said road who  
may wish to use it in going to and from  
their land. No person appearing to claim  
damage and in the opinion of the commissioners  
no one being entitled to damage none were  
awarded. —

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry F. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson, D. Parks }

Which report being read and considered  
is accepted — and the road is discontinued  
as and for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Selectmen of Wil-  
braham The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Wilbraham-braham set for alter  
and other citizens of said town would respectfully of High ways in  
represent that upon the petition of Pliny Merrick Wilbraham  
to others your Honorable board did lay a new  
road from the road leading by said Pliny  
Merrick's house to the road leading by the  
house of Prainard J. Brewer and did also  
order certain alterations and repairs to be  
made in the then existing roads all of  
which appears by the records of your Hon  
Board, and did order the same to be built  
by said town of Wilbraham. But your petitioners  
believing that public convenience and necessity  
do not require that the new road located  
as aforesaid should be made and the repairs  
as ordered but that by an alteration of the  
road leading past said Brewer's house and  
between the said Brewer's house and the point  
where that road intersects the road leading  
past said Merrick's house to the East of said  
Brewer's house the public convenience and interest  
would be better subserved. Your petitioners  
would respectfully request that the new-



road located as above may be discontinued, and also that, that part of the road leading by the house of said Merrick which lies between the house of the said Merrick and the point where it intersects with the road leading by Brewers to the East of said Merricks house may be discontinued as a public highway, and that your honors would make certain alterations in the road leading by the house of said Brewers in the bend of said road to the East of said Brewers house in such manner as your honors shall deem necessary and your petitioners ask that your honors would give them an opportunity to be heard upon this petition and that your honors would view the premises and as in duty bound will ever pray. —

Hilbrakham Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1856. Cleaver Scripster & others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six. — And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven. at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Brainard J. Brewer in Hilbrakham on Thursday the eighth day of April next, at ten o'clock, A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Hilbrakham in said County, thirty days at least, before the said eighth day of April and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified.



by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Wilbraham fourteen days before said eighth day of April and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows  
Hampden, ss. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1858

By virtue hereof, I this day served the within notice by giving on hand to William P. Spellman Town Clerk of the town of Wilbraham in said County a true and attested copy of this petition and order of notice, and I have posted up two true and attested copies of this petition + order in 2 public places in said Wilbraham as within directed.

I, P. Rowland, Deft Sheriff  
and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six, on the petition of Selectmen



of Milbraham and others then presented to said commissioners - and continued from time to time to the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1857. representing and setting forth that the County Commissioners did on the petition of Phiny Merrick and others lay out a new road and order certain specific repairs on the then existing roads, and further representing that public convenience & necessity do not require that the new road & said repairs should be made, but that public interest & convenience would be better subserved by an alteration in the road leading past the house of Brainard J. Brewer;

And requesting that said new road may be discontinued also that so much of the road leading past the house of Phiny Merrick as lies between said Merrick's house and the point to the East where it intersects with the road leading past the house of Brainard J. Brewer may be discontinued as a public highway. Also that alterations may be made in the bond of the road east of said Brewer house - as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the eighth day of April 1858 then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Brainard J. Brewer in Milbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Milbraham, being the town within which such alterations & discontinuances are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Milbraham, said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper



published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighth day of April the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the highway located on the petition of Henry Merrick & others should be constructed, and that the same should be, and the same is hereby discontinued as follows. By commencing at a monument on the Northerly Side of the road on or near land of Henry Merrick, then running North thirty four and a half degrees West, seventeen rods and twenty one links, then North twelve and a quarter degrees West forty four rods to a monument on the Northerly Side of the County Road that leads past the house of Brainard J. Brewer, being the same highway described in the records of the County Commissioners, Book 6, Page 120.

And said Commissioners did also adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that an alteration should be made in the highway east of said Brainard J. Brewer's house as prayed for and the same is refused. —

And it also appearing to the County Commissioners



That the road which lies between the house of said Henry Merrick and the point where it intersects (on the top of the mountain) with the county road that leads past the house of Brainards S. Brown (and being the road on which specific repairs were ordered by the commissioners) is a town way and that they have not jurisdiction over the same and that the specific repairs ordered were invalid, - The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to damage who expressed a desire to be heard, consider and adjudge that no person is entitled to damage on account of the discontinuances aforesaid and none are awarded.

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry S. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson, E. Parks }

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the roads aforesaid discontinued as and for public highways

Sturges Depose take  
Petition for other new location  
Petition of H. Way in  
Westfield

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire.  
The undersigned respectfully represent that the public highway from the foot of Powder Mill Hill, in Westfield, passing by the houses of Charles Gaylord, Elihu Gaylord and Doct S. Wright to the town line between Westfield and Montgomery, also the public highway from the store of Abner Allen, in Westfield passing the house of Joseph King to the town line between Westfield and Southampton, are narrow, at some points crooked, inconvenient, the hills of a very heavy grade: said roads are in very imperfect repair, and destitute of monuments to designate their location. wherefore your petitioners request your Hon Board, to view the premises and order them straightened, regrade the hills or go around them. Erect suitable monuments at the angles or new locate said roads and discontinue



such parts as may be useless, or make such alterations, improvements and repairs as shall appear to your Honors necessary.

Westfield Aug 22<sup>d</sup> 1857.

Sturges Upson & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Foster House in Westfield on Tuesday the seventeenth day of November next, at one o'clock, P. M.; And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Westfield in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 17<sup>th</sup> day of November and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before said 17<sup>th</sup> day of November and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested. That the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued



to the meeting of the County Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty seven, and the Sheriff  
of said County made his return as follows  
Hampden, S.S. October 16<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of the within petition and order  
I this day notified the inhabitants and all  
corporations of the town of Westfield in said  
County interested therein of the meeting of the  
County Commissioners to view the within  
named road by posting up <sup>two</sup> attested  
copies of this petition and order in two  
public places in said town and by giving  
the town clerk of said town an attested  
copy as within directed -

At which meeting the Commissioners made  
their report in writing as follows -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden held at Springfield  
in said County, on the first Tuesday of October  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
fifty seven. - On the petition of Sturgis Lyles  
& others then presented to said Commissioners,  
representing and setting forth that the undersigned  
respectfully represents that the public highway  
from the foot of Powder Mill Hill in Westfield  
passing by the house of Charles Gaylord, Eliza  
Gaylord and Doct. L. Wrights to the Town line  
between Westfield and Montgomery, also the  
public Highway from the store of Abner Allen  
in Westfield passing the House of Joseph King  
to the Town line between Westfield & Southampton  
are narrow, at some points crooked inconvenient  
the hills of a very heavy grade. Said roads  
are in a very imperfect repair and  
destitute of monuments to designate their location  
wherefore your petitioners request your <sup>Hon.</sup> Board



to view the premises and bidon straighten  
upgrade the hills or go around them erect  
suitable monuments, at the angles or new  
locate said roads and discontinue such  
parts as may be useless or make such  
alterations, improvements and repairs as  
shall appear to your Honor necessary. —  
Westfield August 22<sup>d</sup> 1857.

Sturgis Upson and others  
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the  
seventeenth day of November their next  
and one o'clock in the forenoon, at the Foster  
House in Westfield, as the time and place  
for viewing the premises; and caused a copy  
of said petition to be served upon the  
clerk of the town of Westfield being the town  
within which such alterations to are prayed  
for thirty days at least before the time appointed  
for said view; and also caused abstract  
of said petition, containing the substance  
thereof, to be posted in two public places in  
Westfield said town; and also gave notice  
to all persons interested by causing a copy  
of said petition to be published three weeks  
successively in the Westfield News Letter  
a newspaper published in said County, said  
posting and the last publication of said  
copy having been fourteen days at least before  
the time appointed for said view; and  
before said view was had, said Commis-  
sioners gave notice in like manner as described  
in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all  
persons interested, of the time and place for  
commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of November  
the Commissioners met at the time and place  
appointed, and proceeded to view the  
premises, and having viewed the same,  
the Commissioners then determined to hear



the parties at the same time of said views and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that the existing highways between the termini mentioned in the petition, can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new highway or altering the location of the existing ways by directing specific repairs to be made upon the same. — And that the same be monumented, so far as is necessary to locate said specific repairs. —

Henry Fuller Esq being disqualified by residence from acting, Gamaliel Collins Esq Special Commissioner was notified and acted in his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
 Henry F. Brown } Commissioners  
 Gamaliel Collins } Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the specific repairs of said road as specified in said report, adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners would meet at the Foster House in Westfield on Tuesday the thirtieth day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said specific repairs & monuments by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of March. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Westfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least — and post up abstracts containing the substance



thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield  
fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth  
day of March at which time the said commissioners  
would proceed to locate as aforesaid, and would  
hear all persons and corporations interested therein,  
who may then and there desire to be heard,  
and assess such damages as in their opinion  
may be just and proper, by reason of the  
location of said road. And this petition was  
continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff  
of said County in pursuance of said order  
makes his return as follows

"Hampden Co. March 30<sup>th</sup> 1858

I served an attested copy of this petition  
and order on the Clerk of the town of  
Westfield more than 30. days before the  
30<sup>th</sup> day of March inst, and posted up  
like copies in two public places in said  
Westfield as within required

J. Bush, S. Sheriff

And now the commissioners make their  
report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the first Tuesday of October  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty seven, on the petition of Sturgis  
Upson and others then presented to said  
commissioners, representing and setting  
forth that, The highway from the foot of  
Powder Mill Hill in Westfield passing  
by the house of Charles Gaylord, Elisha  
Gaylord and Dr L. Wright to the town  
line between Westfield & Montgomery, also  
the public highway from the store of Abner  
Allen in Westfield passing the house of  
Joseph Thwing to the town line between  
Westfield & Southampton are narrow, at some  
points crooked, inconvenient, the hills of a heavy



grade & the roads in imperfect repairs, whereupon your petitioners request your Honor to order, straighten and regrade the hills or go around them, erect suitable monument at the angles or new locate said roads and discontinue such parts as may be useless or make such alterations improvements and repairs as shall appear to your Honors necessary as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the seventeenth day of November then next and one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Foster House in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such alterations to be prayed for. thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been forty-two days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the



parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said commissioners did adjudge that the existing highway between the termini mentioned in the petition can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new highway or altering the location of the existing ways by directing specific repairs to be made upon the same. And that the same be monumented so far as is necessary to locate said specific repairs - and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Tuesday the thirtieth day of March then next and one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Foster House in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirtieth day of March met and proceeded to locate as follows -

By "Commencing at a stone monument set in the ground on the westerly side of the road at the foot of Powder Mill Hill by land of James Moseley, then North  $32^{\circ}$  West one hundred & sixty rods & fourteen links to a stone set in the ground by land of Philip Riley then North  $23^{\circ}$  West twenty four rods & fifteen links to a stone set in the ground on the northerly side of the Springfield road and on the division line of land between P. Riley & Russel Shepard, then North  $24^{\circ}$  West thirty seven rods & fourteen links to a stone set in the



ground by land of R. Shepard, then North  $14^{\circ}$   
 West one hundred & seventy two rods & seven  
 links to a stone set by land of W<sup>m</sup> Shepard  
 then North  $16^{\circ}$  West thirty nine rods & ten  
 links to a stone set by land of Asher Parsons,  
 then North  $18^{\circ}$  West twenty nine rods & ten  
 links to a stone set by land of George Taylor,  
 then North  $4^{\circ}$  East nine rods & twenty links  
 to a stone. then North  $82^{\circ} 30'$  East forty rods  
 & three links to a stone set at the intersection  
 of the road leading to Southampton (passing  
 the house of Owen Drake) then North  $7^{\circ} 30'$   
 East twenty rods to a stone set on the North  
 side and adjoining a stone on the division  
 line of lands of Charles Fowler & Elizabeth Johnson,  
 then North  $4^{\circ} 30'$  East sixteen rods to a  
 stone set by land of said E. L. Johnson then  
 North  $11^{\circ}$  West ten rods & fifteen links to a  
 stone set nearly opposite of said Johnsons  
 house then North  $21^{\circ} 30'$  West twenty eight rods  
 & twenty links to a stone set near the South East  
 corner of Charles Gaylords front door yard,  
 then North  $17^{\circ} 45'$  West twelve rods to a stone  
 North side of said Gaylords bar way adjoining  
 his barn yard. then North  $11^{\circ} 30'$  West fourteen  
 rods to a stone by land of said Gaylord. then  
 North  $16^{\circ}$  West three rods & twelve links across  
 a small brook to a stone. then North  $22^{\circ}$  West  
 two rods to a stone, then North  $43^{\circ} 30'$  West  
 one rod & twelve links to a stone at the intersection  
 of the road to Chicopa through Budds Notch  
 in East mountain. then North  $70^{\circ}$  West fifteen  
 rods and nine links to a stone monument  
 from this point North  $30^{\circ}$  East three rods  
 distant to the center of a large white oak  
 (anciently marked) is the right hand side of  
 the highway. all of the monuments from  
 the bar way aforesaid to and including the  
 last named, adjoin land of said Charles Gaylord  
 then North  $71^{\circ}$  West sixty one rods & twenty  
 links to a stone set near the East line of said



Hillbourn land, then north  $67^{\circ}$  west twenty four rods to a stone set on the division line of lands of Mr. A. Hillbourn & Co. W. Ripson then north  $53^{\circ}$  west fourteen rods & twenty two links to a stone set by land of Elisha Gaylord, then north  $50^{\circ}$  west twenty rods to a stone by land of said Gaylord, then on said Gaylord land north  $51^{\circ} 30'$  west thirty seven rods and nine links to a stone, then on said Gaylord's land north  $35^{\circ} 30'$  west eighteen rods to a stone, then north  $19^{\circ}$  west fourteen rods and three links to a stone, then north  $5^{\circ}$  west eight rods to a stone set at north side of E. Gaylord's bar way, then north twenty seven rods and seven links to a stone, at this point the road is eighty seven links or width due East, then north  $1^{\circ} 15'$  west four rods & two & a half links to a stone set at the intersection and on the westerly side of Pochassuc road (passing the old Baldwin farm) this stone also bears south  $89^{\circ} 30'$  west one hundred & twenty two links distant from the south west corner of Elisha Gaylord's dwelling house, then north  $30^{\circ} 30'$  east two rods to a stone at this point the highway is three rods and two links wide, from the north end of the corner " north twenty seven rods and seven links " the right hand or easterly line of the highway runs in a direct or straight course to the point described above where the highway is seventy seven links wide, then north  $13^{\circ}$  east five rods and twenty four links, this course is three rods and two links wide at its commencement and three rods wide at the end, this distance crosses land of Moses Whitney, & here then north  $7^{\circ}$  west thirty seven rods and eleven links to a stone, then north  $12^{\circ}$  east thirteen rods and twenty two links to a stone set by land of Dwight Williams, then north  $19^{\circ}$  east fourteen rods to the center of a hard maple tree, bearing south  $74^{\circ}$  east fifty links distant from the



South East corner of Rosewell Merriam's dwelling  
 house, then North  $39^{\circ}$  East - (crossing Sackett's brook)  
 eighteen rods to a stone, then North  $12^{\circ} 30'$   
 East seven rods & eighteen links to a stone set  
 nearly opposite West Farms District School House,  
 then North  $5^{\circ}$  East sixty three rods to a stone  
 set at the South side of Fredonic Morgan's  
 lane, then North  $1^{\circ} 30'$  West sixty eight rods  
 & ten links to a stone set at the South East  
 corner of Doct Wright's garden, then North  
 $1^{\circ}$  West forty eight rods and thirteen links  
 to a stone set at the South end of a stone  
 fence North of the Baptist Meeting house,  
 then North  $3^{\circ}$  East fifteen rods and twenty  
 links to a stone set by land of Alonge Allen,  
 then North  $26^{\circ} 30'$  West three rods and  
 twenty three links to a stone set at the North  
 East corner of Alonge Allen old barn, then North  
 $41^{\circ}$  West fifteen rods to a stone set East of  
 Sackett brook, then North  $42^{\circ}$  West thirty rods  
 and seventeen links to a stone set by land of  
 Samuel Depson, then North  $38^{\circ}$  West twenty two  
 rods and fourteen links to a stone set near the  
 old Adnah Avery house, then North  $30^{\circ} 30'$  West  
 nine rods and twelve links to a stone, then North  
 $24^{\circ} 30'$  West eight rods and four links  
 to a stone set at the foot of the mountain  
 and nearly opposite the dwelling house of  
 Edwin Phelps, then North  $5^{\circ} 30'$  West nine  
 rods and twelve links to a iron bolt one & a  
 half inches diameter set in a ledge of rock,  
 then North  $7^{\circ}$  West twenty one rods to a stone,  
 then North  $5^{\circ}$  West fourteen rods and ten  
 links to a stone set South of a pass way through  
 a stone wall, then North thirteen rods to a  
 stone set near a small butternut tree, then  
 North  $14^{\circ}$  West fifteen rods & five links to a  
 stone set in the ground near a pass way,  
 then North  $13^{\circ} 30'$  West nine rods & twelve  
 links to a stone set by land of Symon Root,  
 then North  $4^{\circ}$  West twenty rods & fourteen links



to a stone set one foot in the ground upon  
a ledge of rocks, then North  $14^{\circ}$  West ten rods  
+ twenty links to a stone set by land of heirs  
of Edward Root. then North  $12^{\circ}$  West one  
said heirs land twenty four rods to a stone,  
then on said heirs North  $9^{\circ} 30'$  West nine  
rods and eight links to a stone. then on  
said heirs North  $2^{\circ}$  West fifteen rods and  
eighteen links to a stone, then North  $24^{\circ}$   
West eleven rods + five links to a point  
which bears South  $66^{\circ}$  West three rods  
distant from the center of a large Chestnut  
tree with ancient marks. the center of said  
tree is the Northwesterly or right hand line of  
the highway. then North  $24^{\circ}$  West eleven  
rods to a stone set near two white birch  
trees and westerly of a small stream, then  
North  $28^{\circ} 30'$  West nine rods and four  
links to a stone, then North  $44^{\circ}$  West seventeen  
rods to a stone set near the town line  
between Westfield + Montgomery, then the  
same course seventeen links to a point  
supposed to be on the line between said  
towns. The above courses were taken and  
the distances measured on the left hand side  
of the road as run and the same is located  
three rods wide: except where otherwise  
specified. And the stone mentioned at  
the end of the courses, are the monuments  
set to mark the termini and angles of the  
line as run said monuments are all East  
mountain or Blue stone. —

And on the highway intersecting with the  
Westfield and Montgomery highway aforesaid  
near the stone of Abner Allen and thence to  
Southampton line. said Commissioners have  
located as follows viz Commencing at a  
stone monument on said highway near  
the line between Westfield + Southampton, then  
North  $25^{\circ} 30'$  East to said town line. then  
from said monument South  $25^{\circ} 30'$  West



twenty six rods to a stone set near the division  
 line of lands of Jacob & Park Williams. then  
 South  $18^{\circ} 30'$  West twenty one rods and twelve  
 links to a stone. then South  $22^{\circ} 30'$  West eighty  
 nine rods & five links to a stone set near Ethan  
 Watts South line of land. then South  $19^{\circ}$  West  
 ninety three rods to a stone set near the  
 northerly side of the road leading to East Farms  
 then South  $3^{\circ}$  West three rods across said road  
 to a stone set on the southerly side of said  
 East Farms road. then South  $49^{\circ} 45'$  West  
 two rods & twelve links to a stone. then South  
 $33^{\circ}$  West seven rods and four links to a stone  
 set at the South line of Jacob Otis land. then  
 South  $33^{\circ}$  West to a stone set in the ground  
 in center of stone wall thirteen rods. this course  
 strikes on the North west corner of Moses Moons  
 barn two & a half links. then South  $34^{\circ}$  West  
 twenty eight rods and twenty two links to a  
 stone set near the house of David Clark. then South  
 $34^{\circ} 45'$  West six rods and seventeen links to a  
 stone set in the division line of lands of David  
 Clark & Alonzo Allen. then South  $34^{\circ} 55'$  West twenty  
 rods to a stone set near the South west corner  
 of Jacob Otis dwelling house this course passes  
 through the west end of said Otis Shop. then  
 South  $33^{\circ}$  West nine rods and seventeen links  
 to a stone set by land of Alonzo Allen. then  
 South  $33^{\circ}$  West six rods and sixteen links  
 to a stone set on the Easterly side of the  
 Highway leading from Westfield to Montgomery  
 as aforesaid said stone is near the South  
 West corner of Allens Store. For the connection  
 of this highway on the westerly side with  
 the said Montgomery road. commence at  
 a stone which is South  $35^{\circ}$  West nine rods  
 and seventeen links from the stone set near  
 the South west corner of Jacob Otis dwelling  
 house. thence North  $57^{\circ} 30'$  West three rods  
 to a stone set on the westerly side of this  
 highway near the South East corner of



Along Allen's front yard then same course  
thence road and thence limits to a stone set  
on the northerly line of the aforementioned -  
Hutfield & Montgomery Highway and including  
the triangular piece of land southw'd of this  
line as highway: the above courses were  
taken and the distance measured and the  
monuments set on the Easterly or left line  
of the highway as run and the same  
is located three rods wide except where  
otherwise specified. The stones named are  
for the same purpose and of the same  
kind as those before described. -

And it is ordered that the road bed on  
so much of the above described highway  
as is included in the following limits be  
reconstructed, graded and repaired in  
accordance with directions hereafter given  
viz commencing at the monument at  
the termini of the petition at the foot of  
Pocahontas Hill and extending to the  
monument nearly opposite the dwelling house  
occupied by Elisha L. Johnson. -

Also commencing at a point seventy feet  
easterly of a stone marked with red chalk  
on Taylor Boy's lot at the foot of the hill  
west of Charles Gaylord's and extending to a  
point opposite the house of W. A. Kilbourn.

Also commencing at the monument fifteen  
rods westerly of Alvord Allen's old barn near  
Sashette brook and extending to the monument  
near the Adnah Avery house.

Also commencing at the foot of the hill  
near Southampton line two hundred & fifty  
feet southerly from a stone marked with  
red chalk with a stake by its side (and  
on the Easterly side of the road) and extending  
southerly five hundred and ninety feet.  
and that the other portions of said highway  
not included in the above be put in good  
repair. -



and now it is ordered that the said town of Writfield cause the roads aforesaid to be reconstructed repaired and completed in the most faithful & workmanlike manner and as follows to wit: The said road must be thoroughly cleared of all rocks, stones, stumps & roots to the depth of twelve inches below the surface of the road bed, and the road bed must be crowned from the exterior of the sides, to the center thereof to the height of twelve inches and when finished must be twenty feet in width exclusive of ditches and side slopes so that teams and carriages may pass with safety over every part of the same. —

The side ditches where they are necessary must be constructed entirely without the road bed and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the road bed two feet at an angle of twenty four degrees or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the road bed without unnecessary curvature in their direction and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road to the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the side of the road bed. —

All excavations and embankments unless protected by retaining walls must be constructed with side slopes of one and a half horizontal to one perpendicular foot. On the side of hills where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation the road bed must be crowned in manner before mentioned from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center and from thence to the down hill side must be made nearly level. —



Substantial railing will be required at all points where it is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler. The railing must consist of straight Chestnut poles not less in any part than five inches in diameter and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or Chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. All joinings or splicings of said railings must be made on the summit or top of some one of the posts aforesaid by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolts aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. In all places where it is necessary to have railing the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing to be firmly placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than two feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment & without in any manner obstructing the width of twenty feet for the traveled part of the road. All bridges must be constructed with substantial well laid stone abutments & be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material and a crowning of the road of eight inches in addition; except the span or arch of the bridge each exceed three feet in the clear when it may be covered with good Chestnut three inch plank, whenever



a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade and a stick of two inch chestnut timber square except the top which must slope two inches from the edge of the plank must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against injury from wheels in passing to and from said bridge. —

All Bridges must be made twenty four feet long measured at right angles with the direction of the road and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet and to the width of not less than twenty feet between the railings clear of all obstruction. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridges and be measured in the same manner, with good firm straight stone sides or abutments, not less than two feet apart and eighteen inches high and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or other good material and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned eight inches in addition. In grading the road aforesaid care must be used in front of any dwelling house or other building where an excavation is required so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto; provide however when such passage ways cannot be made sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. —

Trees that have been planted and reared beside the road aforesaid by the owners of land, whether for the fruits they yield or shade & ornament are not to be removed unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is ordered that on all parts of the road where the materials within the traveled part of the road are



unavailable for making a hard and durable road a top covering of twelve inches thick of good gravel or some other good material the best that can be obtained in the vicinity whether within or without the location of the road, will be required over the whole width of twenty feet for the traveled part of the road. And it is further ordered that from the monument set by Wm. Shepards land at the northerly end of course "North 14° West one hundred & twenty two rods & seventeen links, then North 16° West thirty nine rods & ten links to a stone by Asher Parsons land, then North 18° West twenty nine rods and ten links to a stone by land of George Taylor. Also from a stone on the division line of land of Charles Fowler & Elisha C. Johnson North 4° 30' East sixteen rods then North 11° West ten rods & fifteen links to a stone nearly opposite Elisha C. Johnson house the traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location except near its angles which must be rounded so as to make its turnings as gradual & easy as possible, and on all other parts the increased width ordered for the road bed is to be so added as to bring the road bed as near the center of and parallel with its location as possible, and preserve the present traveled path.

And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their intersection, crossing or connections therewith as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road care must be exercised to avoid unnecessary undulations & curvature and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be



allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter given by commencing at the monument at the foot of Powder Mill hill the grade is to be ascending 1.58 ft per 100 ft or  $0^{\circ}55'$  - which will require a fill of two feet on the road bed opposite said monument and an excavation of three feet on the summit of Powder Mill hill (this grade extends two Hundred feet from its commencement) and from thence to the monument nearly opposite the house of Elisha C. Johnson the grade to be same as the present road. Then commencing at a point seventy feet Easterly of the stone on Saylors Boys lot before referred to, the grade is to be for three hundred & twenty feet, ascending 6.56 ft per 100 ft =  $3^{\circ}45'$  then for five hundred and eighty feet the ascent is to be 5.69 ft per 100 ft =  $3^{\circ}15'$  then to the point opposite the dwelling house of M. A. Kilbourne the same as the present road. -

On the highway commencing at the monument fifteen rods Westerly of Alongs Allens old barn near Sacketts brook and extending to the monument near the Adnah Avery house, the grade is to be the same as the present road.

On that part of the highway commencing at the foot of the hill near Southampton line, two Hundred and fifty feet Southerly from a stone marked with red chalk with a stake by its side, (and on the Easterly side of the road) the grade for three Hundred feet Southerly is to be ascending 3.53 ft per 100 ft =  $1^{\circ}54'$ , then for two Hundred & ninety ft ascends 5.17 ft per 100 ft =  $2^{\circ}56'$ . -

The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon consider and adjudged that the sum of Three Dollars be paid to the heirs of Moses Whitney in full compensation for all damages which they will sustain in consequence of the location and working said specific



repairs, no other person or corporation in the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to damages none were awarded.

And it is ordered that the term of thirty days be allowed the several owners of land over which said road is located to remove their wood, timber, fences, trees & crops thereon standing growing or lying.

And it is further ordered that said Highway be worked and made hard, safe and convenient for travelers to pass over with their cattle, horses teams and carriages and that it be made and completed by the town of Westfield as follows viz So much of the same as lies between the monument at the foot of Powder Mill Hill and the monument opposite the house of Eliza C. Johnson on or before the first day of October next, and the remainder of the order on or before the first day of September in the year 1857.

Henry Fuller Esq one of the County Commissioners being disqualified by residence from acting on the foregoing petition Gamaliel Collins Esq one of the Special Commissioners was notified by the other Commissioners and appeared and acted in his stead

Henry F. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parks, } Commissioners  
Gamaliel Collins } Special Commissioners

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the roads established as and for public highways

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire John Moody Esq  
The Subscribers respectfully represent that - Peter for discontn  
whereas on the petition of J. A. Barton & others of H. Co. in Sudlow  
a highway was laid by John H. Bartlett & Springfield  
from near the dwelling house of Jacob D. Barton  
on Sudlow - Southwily to and across the  
Chicopee river to the Westerly part of the Village  
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of Indian Orchard - and also on the petition of Jacob Newell & others a road or highway was laid from near the dwelling house of Ruby Damon in said Sudlow, southerly across the Damon farm to the highway northerly of the dwelling house of Samuel White in said Sudlow, and whereas your petitioners believe that the public interest & necessity does not call for the working and construction of said road or the building of a bridge across said Chickopee River. We therefore respectfully pray your honorable board to view the premises and rescind the order for the working and construction of said roads and bridge which still remains unexecuted and that the same may be discontinued -  
Sudlow Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1857

John Moody & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven and by adjournment on the first Tuesday of December A.D. 1857. At which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Ruby Damon in Sudlow on Thursday the seventh day of January next, at nine o'clock A.M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the clerks of the town of Sudlow & of the City of Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said seventh day of January, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the



last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Sudlow & the city of Springfield fourteen days before said seventh day of January, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. - And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and by adjournment on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April, A.D. 1858, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows -

Hampden Co. Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of this order I this day served an attested copy of this order on the Clerk of the City of Springfield and on the seventh of the same December, I served an attested copy of this order on the town clerk of Sudlow and also posted up a copy of this order at the Court House for the County of Hampden and one other at the store at Indian Orchard and two others at Sudlow one at the town House, and one at the store W. J. Miller in said Sudlow

Edmund Bliss, Deft Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows, -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and



Fifty seven, and by adjournment on the first  
 Tuesday of December 1857. on the petition of  
 John Moody & others then presented to said  
 Commissioners, representing and setting forth that  
 whereas on the petition of F. A. Barton & others  
 a highway was laid by your Honorable board  
 from near the dwelling house of Jacob S. Eaton  
 in Ludlow southerly to and across the Chicopee  
 River to the westerly part of the village of Indian  
 Orchard. Also on the petition of Jacob Newell  
 & others a highway was laid from near the  
 dwelling house of Ruby Damon in said Ludlow  
 southerly across the damon to the highway  
 northerly of the dwelling house of Samuel White  
 in said Ludlow. And whereas your petitioners  
 believe that the public convenience and necessity  
 does not call for the working and construction  
 of said road or the building of a bridge across  
 said Chicopee river. We therefore respectfully  
 pray your board to view the premises and  
 rescind the order for the working and  
 construction of said roads and bridge and  
 that the same may be discontinued, as by  
 said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
 premises expedient appointed Thursday the  
 seventh day of January then next and nine  
 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Ruby  
 Damon in Ludlow as the time and place  
 for viewing the premises; and caused a copy  
 of said petition to be served upon the clerks  
 of the town of Ludlow and of the City of  
 Springfield being the towns within which  
 such discontinuances are prayed for. Thirty  
 days at least before the time appointed  
 for said view; and also caused abstracts  
 of said petition, containing the substance  
 thereof, to be posted in two public places  
 in Ludlow and the City of Springfield said  
 towns; and also gave notice to all persons  
 interested, by causing a copy of said petition to



we published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County. said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the said seventh day of January the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the highway located on the petition of Jacob Newell and others as aforesaid should be constructed and that the same should be & the same is hereby discontinued as follows. Viz commencing near the dwelling house of Ruby Darnon then southerly across said Darnon farm to the highway northerly of the dwelling house of Samuel White, for a more particular description reference is hereby made to the record of the location of said highway as recorded in Book 6, Page 161 of the record of the County Commissioners of said County. Also that the immediate necessity which called for the construction of the highway located on the petition of J. A. Barton and others having ceased from the suspension of business at Indian Orchard Village and the proceedings in locating the same being of



doubtful validity) we do adjudge that the same should be and the same is hereby discontinued as follows viz. Commencing near the house of Jacob S. Eaton in Sudlow and then southerly across the Chicopee River to the westerly part of the village of Indian Orchard for a more particular description reference is made to the aforesaid records Book 6, Page 186. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon considered & adjudged that the sum of fifteen dollars by agreement (\$15.00) be paid to Alden Damon in full compensation for all damages which he which he will sustain in consequence of the discontinuance of the aforesaid highway no other person in the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to damages none were awarded

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry F. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson S. Parks }

which report being read and considered is accepted and the roads aforesaid discontinued as for public highways

The Dwight Manufacturing  
Co. for abatement  
of taxes  
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Is the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The Dwight Manufacturing Company a corporation  
established on Chicopee in said County respectfully  
represent. - That the assessors of Chicopee  
have taxed said company the present year  
more than their just proportion. The said  
company by their agent brought in to the  
assessors a list of their estate duly sworn  
to and within a proper and reasonable  
time and have also applied to said assessors  
for an abatement of said tax but said  
assessors refuse to make any abatement  
thereof. Therefore they pray that said County  
Commissioners after due proceedings and



hearing in the matter will make a  
reasonable and proper abatement of said  
tax.

Chicopee November 14<sup>th</sup> 1857

Dwight Manufacturing Co  
By their Agent  
S. Adams

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the first Tuesday of  
October in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty seven & by adjournment  
from time to time to the first day of December  
1857, at which meeting upon the  
foregoing petition the Commissioners appointed  
the tenth day of December 1857 at 2 o'clock  
P.M. at the counting room of the Dwight  
Manufacturing Company in said Chicopee,  
where they would meet to hear the  
petitioners, and the Inhabitants of Chicopee  
upon the subject matter of said petition.  
And the Sheriff of said County or any of  
his Deputies is hereby required to serve  
a certified copy of foregoing petition &  
order thereon on the Chairman of the  
Assessors of said town of Chicopee or  
in his absence upon one of the other assessors  
of said town of Chicopee seven days at least  
before the said tenth day of December  
& make due return to said Commissioners  
of the doings on said petition on or before  
said tenth day of December. And this  
petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff  
of said County in pursuance of said  
order makes his return as follows  
Hampden S.D. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1857.

I have this day made service of  
the within petition & order on the chairman  
of the assessors of the town of Chicopee by  
giving in hand an attested copy of the







Noted, That the county will pay Two Thousand Order as to  
towards building an Iron Fence around Court Square  
providing the fence costs \$3000. - Court Square  
or in the same proportion providing it costs in Springfield  
a less sum, but in no event over \$2000, and  
provided further that a suitable Brick or Stone  
side walk, at least 4 feet in width be  
built outside & around said fence, with  
suitable iron or stone hitching posts on  
all sides of said square except the East  
side. The grounds to be properly graded  
with reference to setting the fence, and  
the walks also through said square to be  
properly raised and gravelled.

No portion of said \$2000. to be paid until  
said fence is built & completed and said  
ground graded and walks raised and  
gravelled as aforesaid. Said fence to be built  
upon a plan similar to the plan presented  
by H. B. Smith - with iron pickets (not  
yet fully perfected) and when perfected -  
with necessary - accompanying specifications  
for building, said fence, to be submitted  
to County Commissioners and approved by  
them if satisfactory. And said fence to be  
built in accordance with plan & specifications  
as adopted by said Commissioners.

It is also further provided that said \$2000. -  
(or any part of the same) is not to be  
paid until said fence is built and completed  
to the satisfaction and acceptance of said  
Commissioners, as also the walks & grounds  
aforesaid - and side walks & hitching posts.

To the County Treasurer of the County of Hampshire Notice to County  
You are hereby notified that we shall not Treasurer as to  
consent to the allowance to you of any allowance of his  
money paid to the Jailor & Keeper of the House of Correction -  
of Correction, upon the certificate of the over-  
sers of the house of Correction, unless the items



of the account are particularly set forth & certified: and you are directed not to pay any such account, unless it is stated as above  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 1858

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry L. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson D. Parks }

Notice to the Overseers of the House of Correction & Master of House of Correction in regard to a/c  
Ordered. That the Overseers of the House of Correction be requested to require of the Jailor & Master of House of Correction a full and detailed account (as per blanks furnished for that purpose) of each persons board therein confined, to be allowed by the person instead of the millmone as heretofore.  
Also that the order recorded Book 5 Page 131 will be hereafter enforced - Entitled order as to House of Correction. -

Notice to Jailor & Master of House of Correction as to allowances &c  
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Ordered. That notice be given the Jailor, and Master of the House of Correction, that the allowance for assistant Keeper and for matron will not be continued from and after the first day of July next.

And it is further ordered, that from and after said date the said Jailor and Master will be required to pay the County for all Fuel & Lights, except for lighting & warming the prison and Office, or furnish himself as he may elect. -

And it is further ordered that whenever a prison book shall be kept, and it shall appear from the same that the Statute price for board \$1.75 per week does not furnish a sufficient remuneration to said Keeper & Master for services rendered, the same will be considered and proper allowance made. -



Bill of fare to be furnished persons confined in the jail & House of Correction

Bill of fare for Jail & House of Correction

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	Breakfast	Mush & Molasses
Monday	Dinner	Beef Soup, vegetables & bread
	Supper	Cracked wheat & Molasses
	Breakfast	Fish Hash & Bread
Tuesday	Dinner	Boiled Beef vegetables & Bread
	Supper	Mush & Molasses
	Breakfast	Beef Hash & Bread
Wednesday	Dinner	Pork Beans & Bread
	Supper	Cracked wheat & Molasses
	Breakfast	Mush & Molasses
Thursday	Dinner	Boiled Beef vegetables & Bread
	Supper	Rice & Molasses
	Breakfast	Cracked wheat & Molasses
Friday	Dinner	Fish vegetables & Bread
	Supper	Mush & Molasses
	Breakfast	Fish Hash & Bread
Saturday	Dinner	Boiled Beef vegetables & Bread
	Supper	Cracked wheat & Molasses
	Breakfast	Bread Butter & Coffee
Sunday	Dinner	Pea Soup with Pork & Bread

Change shall be made whenever the Physicians of the Prison may so direct in regard to any prisoner whose health in the judgment of such Physicians shall require it.

And it is ordered that the Jailor & Master of the House of Correction be required to furnish the prisoners therein confined with the foregoing rations with suitable condiments

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, S.S.

John Doyle & others  
Pet, for Specific

The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, having viewed and carefully examined throughout, the Specific Repairs on the highway in Palmer in said County, located and ordered upon the petition of John Doyle and others and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order

Repairs on H. Hwy  
in Palmer  
accepted  
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of the Commissioners thereon, we do hereby  
accept the same,  
Witness our hands this twentieth day of May  
A.D. 1858

Henry F. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parks } Commissioners

S. P. Howard Stephen P. Howard is appointed Keeper  
Keeper of Court of Court Square  
Square

Iron Holders  
Licensed

The following persons are licensed as Iron Holders  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Timothy M. Cooley, 3<sup>d</sup> Worcester House, Westfield  
" Nelson S. Foster, Foster House "  
" Elisha Hursey, in his dwelling house Holland  
" Henry H. Parks, his house near the depot Russell  
" Henry Canterbury, Village Hotel Bondville Palmer  
" Eli George, Railroad House North of W.R.R. Depot Westfield  
" 20<sup>th</sup> Gilbert Nye, North Blandford in his own house Blandford  
" Levi Brown, his house East Parish Granville  
" Henry K. Loomis, Hampton House East of H. Bank, Westfield  
" 28<sup>th</sup> Norman B. Lewis, his Hotel Center of town Blandford  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Warren F. Sanbell, his house Primfield Hotel Primfield  
" Miss Phelps, Farmers Hotel, West Parish Westfield

Common Victuallers  
Licensed

The following persons have been licensed as  
Common Victuallers  
Apr 14<sup>th</sup> Symon M. Foster & Isaac Prosbury Jr. Big built block Westfield  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Hoswell Loomis, basement of the Park House "  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> Frederick Morand, his building nearly opposite Whitman's Hall "

Sundry accounts  
Allowed

\$1477.45

Sundry accounts against the County being  
now presented for allowance, amounting  
to the sum of one thousand four hundred  
and Seventy Seven dollars and forty five  
cents are allowed and ordered to be paid  
from the County treasury.



The person hereunder named is allowed the  
sums set against his name in full for damages  
to land taken for a highway and the same  
being fifteen dollars is ordered to be paid  
from the County Treasury

Allen Damon (on Petition of John Moody & als) \$15.00

Hampden, ss. June 3<sup>d</sup> 1858

Judgment is entered up according to  
reports &c and all matters not acted upon  
are ordered to be continued and this  
meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Wm M. Clark



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty second day of the month to the twenty third day of said month and by adjournment on the first day of July and from day to day to the sixth day of said month of July. and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of said month of July to the fifteenth day of said month of July and by adjournment on the twenty seventh day of said month of July and from day to day to the twenty ninth day of said month of July. and by adjournment on the twelfth day of August to the thirteenth day of said month of August and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of said month of August. and by adjournment on the thirty first day of said month of August to the first day of September and by adjournment on the seventh day of said month of September and from day to day to the ninth day of said month of September. and by adjournment on the twenty third day of said month of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

Present. Henry Fuller Esq }  
Henry L. Brown " } County  
Nelson D. Parks " } Commissioners

William B. Miller is appointed physician for the jail and house of correction for the year ensuing from the first <sup>day of</sup> July with a salary of twenty five dollars a year. —



The salary of the Rev Thomas Jordan Chaplain  
of the jail and house of correction is established  
at two hundred + fifty dollars for the year  
ending.

The salary of the Messenger of the Courts  
is established at six hundred dollars a  
year from the first day of July current.  
(July 14<sup>th</sup>)

Reports of the inspectors of prisons are  
made and ordered to be placed  
on file.

Bonding accounts against the county  
being now presented for allowance -  
amounting to the sum of one thousand  
four hundred and two dollars and forty  
three cents are allowed and ordered to \$1402.43  
be paid from the County Treasury.

The following persons are allowed the sums  
set against their respective names in full  
for damages to land taken for highways  
and the same amounting to five hundred  
and ninety eight dollars are ordered to be  
paid from the County Treasury  
on Petition of Samuel Brewer & als

" Hiram Morgan \$50.00

on Petition of Isaac Brewer & als

" Isaac Brewer & 2 40.00

on Petition of Sturges Lipton & als

" Heirs of Moses Whitney 5.00

on Petition of James Stewart & als

" Parks & Sperry 150.00

" Clark Nye 155.00

" D. & R. Nye 200.00

" 598.00



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Hampden Co. September 28<sup>th</sup> 1858

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Wm. H. Mow's Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the fifth day of said month to the sixth day of said month and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of said month and by adjournment on the ninth day of November to the tenth day of said month of November and by adjournment on the thirtieth day of said month of November & from day to day to the third day of December and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of said month of December & from day to day to the eighteenth day of said month of December & by adjournment on the twenty fourth day of said month of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Present Henry Fuller Esquire	} County Commissioners
Henry F. Brown "	
Nelson D. Parker "	

To the Honorable the County Commissioners within Ruby Darnon tal  
& for the County of Hampden. Your petitioners — Pet for a jury  
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respectfully represent that a highway recently located on the petition of Jacob Newell & others in the town of Sudlow — passes over land of your petitioners & they feel aggrieved by the location of said highway and also by the estimate & appraisal of damages assessed by your Honorable Board for the several damages sustained by your petitioners by the location of said highway — Your petitioners therefore respectfully ask that a jury may after proper proceeding be called out to assess the damages of your petitioners in the premises & that such jury may make such



alterations in the location of said highway  
as they may deem just & proper. -  
dated at Springfield this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 1856

Ruby Damon.

H. C. Damon.

Alden Damon

by their att<sup>y</sup> Chapman & Chamberlain.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the first Tuesday of October in the year of  
our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six, at  
which meeting it was ordered that a warrant  
for a jury be issued, and appointed Patrick  
Boice Esq to preside over the jury, and Alford  
Homer Esq to appear as agent of the County.  
And on the eighth day of October, A.D. 1856  
a warrant was duly issued, requiring the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to  
summon a jury to hear and determine the  
matter of Complaint set forth in said petition.  
And this petition was continued to the  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden for  
said County on the fourth Tuesday of December  
in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and  
fifty six, at which meeting the following  
Certificate of acceptance of verdict by the  
Court of Common Pleas was received -  
" Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss.

Court of Common Pleas

Oct. T. 1856

To the County Commissioners for said County  
of Hampden. -

I certify that at the above term the jury  
summoned upon the petition of Ruby Damon  
& others returned their verdict to the Court  
whereby they awarded to Ruby and H. C.  
Damon the sum of Six hundred sixty five  
dollars and sixty seven cents, and to Alden  
Damon the sum of one hundred and fifty  
one dollars and twenty five cents, which



report was accepted by the Court and ordered  
to be recorded. The costs in the proceedings  
have been taxed at Seventy five dollars  
and Seventy three cents

Attest

Geo. B. Morris Clerk  
of C. C. Pleas, —

and this petition was continued from  
meeting to meeting to this meeting, and  
now — The highway over the lands of the  
petitioners for which an increase of damage  
was sought having been discontinued by the  
Commissioners, this petition is by consent  
of parties dismissed. —

To the County Commissioners for the County of Orleans. C. Baldwin Pet for alter of H. Way  
Thompson. The undersigned respectfully represents Pet for alter of H. Way  
that the public necessity and convenience require in Granville  
that a new road for the public travel be  
opened from near the parish line in the  
town of Granville near the house occupied  
by Pastor Hannham running in a South Westerly  
direction to the North lane road (so called)  
in West Granville: Thence from some convenient  
point on said North lane road to intersect  
the road leading from West Granville to  
Buck hill (so called) at some convenient  
point between the house of Mr. J. Blair and  
the house of O. J. Higgins: and request your  
Honorable Body to view the premises and  
locate said road or so much of it, as in your  
judgment the public good requires.  
Granville, Mass. April 4<sup>th</sup> 1857

Olewn. C. Baldwin & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty seven, at which meeting  
the Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice



that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Volney Stow in Granville (W. Parish) on Thursday the eighteenth day of June next, at 10 o'clock, A.M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Granville in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said eighteenth day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Argus a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Granville fourteen days before said eighteenth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. —

Hampden S.D.

I hereby certify that I served an attested copy of the within precept upon the town clerk of Granville more than thirty days before the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June current, & posted up like attested copies in two public places in said Granville more than 14 days before the said 18<sup>th</sup> day of June (to wit: at the Hotel of Levi Brown & at the Hotel in West Parish



in said Granville

J. Bush, D. Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows, —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven. —

On the petition of Olsen C. Baldwin and others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public necessity and conveniences require that a new road for the public travel be opened from near the Parish line in the town of Granville near the house occupied by Lester Farnum running in a southeasterly direction to the North lane road (so called) in West Granville. Thence from some convenient point on said North lane road to intersect the road leading from West Granville to Beech Hill, so called, at some convenient point between the house of Wm J. Blair and the house of O. H. Hugens and request your Honorable Body to view the premises and locate said road or so much of it as in your judgment the public good requires. — as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the eighteenth day of June then next and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Volney Stowe in Granville (W Parish) as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville, being the town within which



Such New road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Granville said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Argus a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require, that the petition be granted and the same is dismissed with costs in part taxed at Fifteen dollars.

Henry Fuller	} County
Henry J. Brown	
Nelson D. Parke	

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the aforesaid petition dismissed with costs in part



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Charles Gibbons &c  
We the undersigned Citizens of Granville and vicinity Pet for a new H. Way  
do respectfully represent that the public good in Granville  
convenience, and necessity require a highway  
in the East Parish in Granville Commencing  
near the Trumble place, so called, running  
westwardly near the line of the Brook to near  
the center School House in said Parish - and  
we humbly petition your Honors to view said  
premises and act according to your judgment,  
as to grade the Hill by the House of David  
Horsford.

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Granville March 31<sup>st</sup> 1854

Charles Gibbons & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners held  
for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty seven - at which meeting  
the Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice  
that they would meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the dwelling house of J. B. Root  
in East Granville on Friday the nineteenth  
day of June next, at nine o'clock, A. M.  
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by  
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,  
upon the Clerk of the town of Granville in  
said County, thirty days, at least, before the  
said nineteenth day of June and that all  
other persons and corporations interested -  
therein be notified, by publishing a copy  
of said petition and this order thereon, in  
the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at  
least before the time of said view. And it was  
further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing  
the substance thereof and this order, be posted



up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Granville fourteen days before said nineteenth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. — And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows. —

Hampden Co. June 1<sup>st</sup> 1857

I hereby certify that I served an attested copy of the within Petition & order upon the clerk of Granville more than thirty days before the nineteenth day of June current and posted up attested copies in two public places in said Granville more than fourteen days before the said nineteenth day of June.

L. Bush, D. Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

at a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven. —

on the petition of Carlos Gibbons and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that — the public good convenience and necessity require a highway in the East Parish in Granville commencing near the Trumble place so called running westerly near the line of the Brook to near the center School House in said Parish and we humbly petition your Honors to view said premises and act according to your judgment also to grade the Hill by the house of David Horsford —



as by said petition on file will appear. The commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday the nineteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of J. S. Root in East Granville as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville being the town within which such New road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Granville the said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of June the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity does not require that the prayer of the petition



Should be granted and the same is dismissed  
with costs in part, taxed at fifteen dollars

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry F. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson D. Parke }

Which report being read and considered is  
accepted and the aforesaid petition dismissed  
with costs in part.

Elizabet Seymour & others  
Petrs for Alter & repair  
& New H way in Granville  
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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
Respectfully represent the Subscribers Inhabitants of  
the Town of Granville and vicinity in said  
County, that the public Highway leading from  
the Congregational meeting House in the East  
Parish in said Granville, to Henry Clarke is  
crooked circuitous and very hilly - Therefore  
your petitioners pray your honorable body  
to view the Highway leading from near  
Henry Clarke by Calvin Wells to Gador F. Cooleys  
and alter, widen repair and grade said  
road to near said Gador F. Cooleys. your  
petitioners would also pray your Honorable  
body to locate a new road to commence  
near said Gador F. Cooleys and running  
a Southwesterly course to strike the Highway  
between Charles Browns and David Hosford -  
your petitioners would also pray your Honorable  
body to alter repair and grade the Highway  
from Roland Barlow's house in said East  
Parish in Granville to the House of Helen Stocking.  
Wherefore your petitioners pray your Honorable  
body to view said Highways and the  
route for a new road petitioned for and  
locate said new road and make such  
alterations, gradings repair and improvements  
on the above described, as the public convenience  
and necessity may require and we as in  
duty bound will ever pray  
Granville March 28<sup>th</sup> 1857

Elizabet Seymour & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a



meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the Second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred  
and fifty seven. At which meeting the  
Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises  
expedient and proper, gave notice that they  
would meet for the purpose of said view,  
at the dwelling house of Levi Brown in Granville  
on Tuesday the sixteenth day of June next, at  
Ten o'clock, A.M.; and it was ordered by  
the County Commissioners that a copy of  
said petition be served by the Sheriff of  
said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk  
of the town of Granville in said County,  
thirty days, at least, before the said sixteenth  
day of June - and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Repub-  
lican, a public newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said view. And it was further  
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies  
of said petition, or abstracts containing the  
substance thereof and this order, be  
posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in  
two public places in the Town of Granville  
fourteen days before said sixteenth day of  
June and that notice be given in manner  
aforesaid to all persons and corporations -  
interested, that the County Commissioners  
deem a view of the premises expedient  
and proper, and that a view of the  
same would be taken by them at the time  
and place aforesaid. -

And this petition was continued from  
meeting to meeting to this meeting, and  
the Sheriff of said County made his  
return as follows -

Hampden Co. June 2<sup>d</sup> 1857



I have served an attested copy of the within petition & order upon the clerk of the Town of Granville more than thirty days before the sixteenth day of June current, and have posted up attested copies in two public places in the town of Granville more than 14 days before the said 16<sup>th</sup> day of June.

Fred<sup>d</sup> Bush, T. Sheriff

And now the commissioners make their report in writing as follows:—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven. On the petition of Elijah Seymour and others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public Highway leading from the Congregational meeting House in the East Parish in Granville to Henry Clarke is crooked circuitous and very hilly. Therefore your petitioners pray your honorable body to view the highway leading from near Henry Clarke by Calvin Wells to Gadoc F. Cooley and alter widen repair and grade said road to near said Gadoc F. Cooley. Your petitioners would also pray your honorable body to locate a new road to commence near said Gadoc F. Cooley and running a South westerly course to strike the Highway between Cleazor Brown and David Horsford. Your petitioners would also pray your honorable body to alter repair and grade the Highway from Roland Barlow's house in the East Parish in Granville to the house of Halsey Stocking. Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable body to view said Highway and the route for a new road petitioned for and locate said new road and make such alterations gradings repairs



and improvements on the above described as the public convenience and necessity may require and we as in duty bound will ever pray, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the sixteenth day of June then next and Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Levi Brown in Granville as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville being the town within which such alteration repairs and new road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Granville said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard



the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity does not require that the prayer of the petition should be granted and the same is dismissed with costs in part taxed at fifteen dollars.

Henry Fuller	} County Commissioners
Henry F. Brown	
Nelson D. Partridge	

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and it is ordered by the Commissioners that the aforesaid petition be dismissed with cost in part

Alonge C. Belden et al  
Petrs for a new Hwy  
in Granville

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, The undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Granville and vicinity respectfully represent that the public convenience requires that a new road should be located and built, commencing near the house of Alonge Belden - and thence North easterly and intersect the old road in the vicinity of North Lane School house. We therefore respectfully pray your Hon Board to view at your earliest convenience said premises and order such new construction as you in your judgment shall deem best, as in duty bound will ever pray.

Granville March 20<sup>th</sup> 1857

Alonge C. Belden & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven - at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient



and proper, gave notice that they would  
met for the purpose of said view, at the  
dwelling house of Alongo C. Belden in Granville  
on Wednesday the seventeenth day of June  
next, at nine o'clock, A.M.; and it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that  
a copy of said petition be served by the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon  
the clerk of the town of Granville, in said  
county, thirty days, at least, before the said  
seventeenth day of June and that all other  
persons and corporations interested therein  
be notified, by publishing a copy of said  
petition and this order thereon, in the  
Westfield News Letter a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said view. And it was  
further ordered by the Commissioners, that  
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing  
the substance thereof and this order, be posted  
up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public  
places in the town of Granville fourteen days  
before said seventeenth day of June and that  
notice be given in manner aforesaid to all  
persons and corporations interested. That the  
County Commissioners deem a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, and that a  
view of the same will be taken by them  
at the time and place aforesaid. —

And this petition was continued from meeting  
to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff  
of said County makes his return as follows.  
Hampden S.P. June 2<sup>d</sup>. 1857.

I hereby certify that I have served an attested  
copy of the within Petition & order upon the  
town clerk of Granville more than 30 days before  
the seventeenth day of June current, and posted  
up attested copies more than 14 days before  
said 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in two public places  
in the town of Granville

Frederick Bush, D. Sheriff



and now the commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven, on the petition of Alonzo E. Belden and others - then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience - requires that a new road should be located and built commencing near the house of Alonzo Belden and thence North easterly and intersect the old road in the vicinity of North Lane School House, we therefore respectfully pray your Hon Board to view at your earliest convenience said premises and order such new construction as you in your judgment shall deem best as in duty bound will ever pray - as by said petition on file will appear. -

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the Seventeenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Alonzo E. Belden in Granville as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville being the town within which such new location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Granville said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had,



Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners there determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity, does not require that the prayer of the petition should be granted and the same is dismissed with costs in part taxed at fifteen dollars.

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry F. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson D. Parke }

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and it is ordered by the Commissioners that the aforesaid petition be dismissed with costs in part

To the County Commissioners for the Frederick A. Ripley  
County of Hampden, your petitioners inhabitants of the  
of the towns of Granville and Blandford in Granville  
in said County, respectfully represent  
that the Public Highway from Colney Stows  
house to William Peebles Saw mill in said  
Granville is crooked narrow, undirect  
and very much out of repair. Your  
petitioners therefore pray that your  
honorable body will make such alterations  
in location of said Highway to save the  
hills and such repairs on said Highway  
and such grading on said Highway of  
said hills as your Honors may deem



wise: and pray and as in duty bound  
will ever pray  
Granville, April 9<sup>th</sup> 1857

Frederick A. Ripley & others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners held  
for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty seven. at which meeting the  
Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper, gave notice  
that they would meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the dwelling house of Volney  
Storrs in Granville (W. Parish) on Thursday  
the eighteenth day of June next, at nine  
o'clock, A.M.; and it was ordered by the  
County Commissioners that a copy of said  
petition be served by the Sheriff of said  
County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of  
the Town of Granville in said County, thirty  
days at least, before the said eighteenth day  
of June and that all other persons and corporations  
interested therein be notified, by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereon,  
in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper  
printed in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said view. And it was further  
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of  
said petition, or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof and this order, be posted up by said  
Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in  
the town of Granville fourteen days before  
said eighteenth day of June and that notice  
be given in manner aforesaid to all persons  
and corporations interested, that the County  
Commissioners deem a view of the premises  
expedient and proper and that a view  
of the same will be taken by them at the  
time and place aforesaid. —  
And this petition was continued from meeting



to meeting to this meeting. and the Sheriff  
of said County makes his return as follows -  
Hampden Co. June 11<sup>th</sup> 1857  
I hereby certify that I served an attested copy  
of the within Petition & order upon the Clerk  
of Granville more than 30 days before the 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of June current and posted up attested  
copies of the within in two public places in  
said Granville more than 14 days before the  
said 18<sup>th</sup> day of June

J. Bush, D. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their  
report in writing as follows. -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of  
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty seven.

On the petition of Frederick A. Ripley, and  
others there presented to said Commissioners,  
representing and setting forth that the Public  
Highway from Volney Stow's house to William  
Isbels Saw Mill in said Granville is  
crossed narrow indirect and very much  
out of repair. Your petitioners therefore  
pray that your honorable body will make  
such alterations in location of said Highway  
to save the hills and such repairs on  
said Highway and such grading on said  
Highway of said hills as your Honor may  
deem wise and pray and as in duty  
bound will ever pray - as by said petition  
on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of  
the premises expedient, appointed Thursday,  
the eighteenth day of June then next and  
nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house  
of Volney Stow in Granville (H. Parish) as  
the time and place for viewing the premises.



and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville being the town within which said alteration and new location is prayed for. thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in Granville said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. —

And on the said eighteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity does not require that the prayer of the petition should be granted and the same is dismissed with costs in part taxed at fifteen dollars.

Henry Keller	} County Commissioners
Henry T. Brown	
Nelson D. Parks	



which report being read and considered is accepted. And it is ordered by the Commissioners that the aforesaid petition be dismissed with costs in part.

In the County Commissioners for the County of Selectmen of Palmer  
Hampden. The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Hooy  
town of Palmer in the County aforesaid, respectfully in Palmer  
represent that at a meeting of the inhabitants  
of said town of Palmer called by warrant  
which contained an article in relation to  
the bridge in said town near Charles  
Hastings it was voted that the subscribers  
Selectmen as aforesaid petition the County  
Commissioners to visit the said bridge  
and make such alterations & improvements  
in the highway as they may deem advisable.  
We therefore in pursuance of said vote of  
instructions received from said inhabitants  
pray, your board to visit the bridge in  
the vicinity of said Hastings & the highways  
connected with said bridge and make  
such alterations and improvements as  
will dispense with one of said bridges  
& that such other & further alterations and  
improvements may be made in said  
bridges & the highways on each side thereof  
as may be deemed for the public interest  
and convenience.

Palmer May 19<sup>th</sup> 1857

Horace Humes } Selectmen  
George Moores } of  
S. H. Lawrence } Palmer

The foregoing petition was entered at  
a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holders for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty seven, at which meeting  
the Commissioners, deeming a view of  
the premises expedient and proper, gave  
notice that they would meet for the purpose



of said view, at the dwelling house of Stephen B. Newton in Palmer on Tuesday the fourth day of August next, at nine o'clock, A.M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Palmer in said County, thirty days, at least before the said fourth day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Palmer fourteen days before said fourth day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden ss July 4<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of this order I have deposited with the Town clerk of Palmer a true and attested copy of this petition and order and have posted up in two public places in said Town abstracts containing the substance of the petition and order as therein directed

J. S. Hills, Deputy Sheriff



and now the Commissioners order the  
aforesaid petition to be dismissed  
without costs

To the County Commissioners for the County Selectmen of Palmer  
of Hampden. The undersigned Selectmen Peter for New H. Way  
of the town of Palmer in said County, <sup>discontinuance of H. Way</sup>  
respectfully represent that at a meeting in Palmer  
of the inhabitants of said town of Palmer.  
called by warrants which contained an  
article in relation to the bridges in said  
town near Chester Hastings former residence  
now occupied by Eber Hitchcock it was  
voted that the Selectmen, petition the County  
Commissioners to visit the said bridges  
and make such alterations and  
improvements in the highways as they  
may deem advisable, we do therefore  
respectfully ask your board to make  
alterations and improvements in the  
highways in that vicinity as follows,  
to wit - by laying a new road from  
a point on the highway a few rods  
northerly from the bridge now standing  
across the Ware River (on the highway  
leading from said bridge to the dwelling  
house of E. B. Gates) in a northeasterly  
direction across land of Joseph B. Hastings  
to such point (between the river and  
the dwelling house of Isaac H. Nitting)  
in the highway a few rods easterly  
of the one last above named as you  
may deem advisable and best: and by  
discontinuing the last named highway  
from the point of intersection with the  
new road above asked for in a  
southerly direction across said River,  
to the point of intersection with the  
Ware road, between said River and  
the said residence of said Hitchcock,

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and they further pray you to make  
such other and further alterations and  
improvements in said highway and  
bridges as you may deem best  
Springfield April 13<sup>th</sup> 1858

Horace Hemen } Selectmen  
George Moores } of Palmer

The foregoing petition was entered at  
a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden for said County on the second  
Tuesday of April in the year of our  
Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight.  
At which meeting the Commissioners,  
deeming a view of the premises expedient  
and proper, gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view, at  
the dwelling house of S. G. Newton in  
Palmer on Tuesday the Eighteenth day of  
May next, at nine o'clock, A. M.; and  
it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served  
by the Sheriff of said County or his  
Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of  
Palmer in said County, thirty days, at  
least, before the said Eighteenth day of  
May and that all other persons and  
corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon, in the Palmer  
Journal a public newspaper printed  
in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days  
at least before the time of said view.  
and it was further ordered by the  
Commissioners, that copies of said petition,  
or abstracts containing the substance  
thereof and this order, be posted up  
by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public  
places in the town of Palmer fourteen  
days before said Eighteenth day of May  
and that notice be given in manner



aforsaid to all persons and corporations interested. That the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforsaid. -

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight. and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden Sh. May 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

I hereby certify that I have served the within precept as within directed by serving a true & attested copy of the within order upon the Town Clerk of Palmer:

Also by posting up in two public places in said Palmer true & attested copies of within order.

George Moore } Dep<sup>t</sup> Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Sh.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight. -

on the petition of Selectmen of Palmer then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that by laying a new road from a point on the highway a few rods northerly from the bridge now standing across the Ware River on the highway leading from said bridge to the dwelling house of C. B. Gates in a northerly direction across land of Joseph S. Hastings to such point between the river and the



dwelling house of Israel H. Newton in the highway a few rods Easterly of the one last above named as you may deem advisable and best and by discontinuing the last named highway from the point of intersection with the new road above asked for in a southerly direction across said River to the point of intersection with the Ware road between said river and the said residence of said Hitchcock and they further pray you to make such other and further alteration and improvements in said highways and bridges as you may deem best, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the eighteenth day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of S. G. Newton in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer being the town within which such new road and discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Palmer the said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the said



eighteenth day of May the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time by said view; and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said commissioners did there and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry P. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson, & Parks }

Which report being read & considered was accepted and the road prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity, at which meeting the commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners would meet at the dwelling-house of S. G. Newton in Palmer on Thursday the twenty eighth day of October next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations improvements and discontinuances by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth day of October. -

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said county, or his deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Palmer - with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Palmer.



fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth day of October at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. September 21<sup>st</sup> 1858

I have delivered in hand to the Town Clerk of Palmer an attested copy of the within order & notice and on the twenty ninth day of the same September posted an attested copy of the within at C. F. Packard Store in Palmer and on the first day of October of the same year posted an attested copy of the within notice and order at the post office in Palmer

J. S. Hills, Deputy Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows, —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight. —

On the petition of Selectmen of Palmer then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that — The Public convenience and necessity require a new road to be built from a point a few rods northwesterly of the bridge across Ware river, on the road leading past the house of C. B. Gates in a northerly direction to a point in the highway easterly of the house of Isaac H. Nutting. And the discontinuance of the



Old Road from the said new location southerly  
across Ware River to the Ware Road. —  
as by said petition on file will appear.  
The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the  
eighteenth day of May then next and  
nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of  
S. G. Newton in Palmer as the time and  
place for viewing the premises; and caused  
a copy of said petition to be served upon  
the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the  
town within which such alteration improvements  
& discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days  
at least before the time appointed for said  
view; and also caused abstracts of said  
petition, containing the substance thereof to  
be posted in two public places in Palmer said  
town; and also gave notice to all persons  
interested by causing a copy of said  
petition to be published three weeks successively  
in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published  
in said county, said posting and the last  
publication of said copy having been fourteen  
days at least before the time appointed for  
said view; and before said view was  
had, said Commissioners gave notice in like  
manner as described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition, to all persons interested, of  
the time and place for commencing  
said view.

And on the said eighteenth day of May  
the Commissioners met at the time and  
place appointed, and proceeded to view the  
premises, and having viewed the same  
the further consideration thereof was deferred  
till the next regular meeting of the Commis-  
sioners, held at Springfield aforesaid: on  
the fourth Tuesday of June then next  
at which meeting the parties were heard,  
and after the hearing, said Commissioners  
proceed to consider and adjudicate upon



the prayer of said petition, and after considering  
 the same, said commissioners did adjudge that  
 common convenience and necessity require  
 that the prayer of the petition should be granted  
 and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said  
 commissioners appointed Thursday the twenty  
 eighth day of October then next and nine  
 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of S. L. Newton  
 in said Palmer as the time and place when  
 and where they would meet and proceed to  
 locate and discontinue as aforesaid and  
 the said commissioners having given notice  
 of the adjudication and the time and place  
 appointed for said location and discontinuance  
 in the same manner as the notice and publication  
 was given and made, and as is by law in  
 such case made and provided, before proceeding  
 to view (except publishing an abstract of  
 said petition instead of a copy thereof) on  
 the said twenty eighth day of October met  
 and proceeded to locate as follows. Viz -  
 Commencing at a stone monument standing  
 on the northerly side of the Belshertown and  
 Warren road, Easterly of, and near the junction  
 of the road leading to the dwelling house of  
 Ephraim Gates, then running North twenty two  
 degrees and fifty minutes East thirty feet to a  
 stone: the highway for this course and distance  
 is located eighty eight feet wide at the commens-  
 =ment (measuring on the northerly line of the  
 aforesaid Belshertown and Warren road) and  
 forty nine and a half feet wide at the  
 end, having a monument on both sides  
 at <sup>each</sup> end, then North thirty six degrees East  
 thirteen hundred and twenty eight and a  
 half feet to a stone monument standing  
 near the Westerly line of the old Petersham and  
 Monson Turnpike. The lines are run on the  
 Westerly or left hand side of the highway  
 and the location except for the first course  
 and distance is three rods wide and



monumented on both sides, and the whole of the location thus far is over land of Joseph S. Hastings. Then on said Peterham turnpike one hundred thirteen and a half feet:

And the present highway southerly of the aforesaid location across Ware river to the Ware road is hereby discontinued.

The county commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars / by agreement / be paid to Joseph S. Hastings in full compensation for all damages which he will sustain in consequence of the aforesaid location of a highway and discontinuance of the present way, no other persons or corporation in the opinion of the commissioners being entitled to damages none were awarded.

No time is allowed to the land owner Joseph S. Hastings to remove trees, crops &c. he having relinquished all claim or right to any time for that purpose.

And it is ordered that the said town of Palmer cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Palmer, to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character a top covering



of at least 10 inches of good gravel, or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 18 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its centre to the height of 12 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 18 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches; so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 18 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the centre of, and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches, where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 18 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured



horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the centre line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamps or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable from its weight to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the centre, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees; where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed; where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from centre to centre. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone



walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or joist, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof, not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without, in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 18 feet for the travelled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments are constructed, or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense this kind of structure will be required,) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height the inner face thereof being perpendicular; the road must be worked to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing



and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a crowning of the road of 8 inches in addition; except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge. Each span shall be three feet in the clear, where it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planthing must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels on their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty-four feet long, measured at right angles with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly raised to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than 18 feet between the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides, or abutments not less than two feet apart, and 24 inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 8 inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the



ascent or descent in the grading of the road,  
 as hereafter described, and construct said  
 culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for  
 the bridge; and the said culverts when placed  
 in must forever after be maintained by such  
 owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair,  
 and in such condition as to render them safe  
 and convenient for the traveler. In grading  
 the road aforesaid, care must be used in  
 front of any dwelling house or other building  
 where an excavation is required, to leave the  
 side bank thereof nearest said building, in the  
 best shape for placing in a bank wall if the  
 owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise  
 so to slope such side bank as to cause the least  
 possible injury to said building or the appurtenances  
 thereto; provided, however, when such passage  
 ways cannot be made safe and convenient by  
 sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed  
 for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is  
 directed in front of a dwelling-house or other  
 building, it must be constructed and sloped  
 on that side of the traveled way nearest said  
 building in such manner as to render the  
 road safe without the aid of railing, (for in  
 such case no railing can be allowed) and in  
 such manner as to leave all passage ways  
 to and from said building as perfect and  
 as nearly in their present shape as may be.  
 Trees that have been planted and reared  
 beside the proposed traveled way by the  
 owners of land over which said location is  
 made, whether for the fruits they yield, or  
 the shade and ornament they furnish to  
 the farms adjacent, are not to be removed  
 or injured, unless the construction and safety  
 of the road absolutely require it.  
 And it is further ordered that all other  
 roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with  
 the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered  
 and so widened at the points of their said



crossings, intersections or connections therewith, or to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler.

And it is further ordered that the grading of the road aforesaid be so worked as not in any place to exceed the angles of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter mentioned. The grade pins are all placed in the centre of the location, are all driven down to near the surface of the earth, and the summits or tops of said pins are the points of admeasurement for ascertaining the amount of excavation or embankment. The summits or tops of those pins that are at grades, in connection with the line of inclination represent the base of the traveled part of the road and the crowning of 12 inches required by this order is, in all cases, to be considered as placed on or above the tops or summits of said pins and line. The grade pins that are mentioned in this description as being numbered, have a stake driven by the side of them, bearing the number of said grade pins and accompanying stake. The admeasurement is given in feet and the decimal parts of a foot. and said grading is as follows, to wit: Commencing at grade pin No 1 standing on the Northerly line of the traveled part of the aforesaid Belchertown & Warren road and pins No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are at grade, at No 7 fill 2.35 ft. at No 8 fill 3.76 ft. at No 9 fill 1.52 ft. at No 10 cut 1.33 ft. at No 11 cut 1.50 ft. at No 12 cut 4.47 ft. at No 13 cut 6.09 ft. at No 14 fill 1.46 ft. at No 15 fill 2.36 ft. at No 16 fill 6.24 ft. at No 17 fill 4.93 ft. at No 18 grade at No 19 cut 2.96 ft. at No 20 cut 2.17 ft. at No 21 cut 1.14 ft. at No 22 grade, the inclination from No 1 to No 2 is  $1^{\circ}15'$  descending, and from No 2 to No 3 is  $0^{\circ}30'$  descending, and from No 3 to No 4 is  $0^{\circ}25'$  ascending, and from No 4 to No 5 is  $0^{\circ}18'$  ascending and from No 5 to No 6



level and from No 6 to No 22 the inclination is  $1^{\circ} 22'$  ascending - Sluices will be required between grade pins No 2 + No 3 and between No 5 and 6 to be constructed as heretofore - Specified also one between No 16 and No 17 said sluice when completed is to be two and a half feet square in the clear above the surface of the ground at the point of location. - And it is ordered that said road be worked and made hard, safe and convenient for travelers to pass over with their horses + carriages, cattle + teams, and that it be made and completed by the town of Palmer before the first day of June A.D. 1859, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry F. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson D. Parks }

Which report being read + considered is accepted and the discontinuance of road as prayed for <sup>as</sup> aforesaid established, and the road as prayed for <sup>as</sup> aforesaid established as + for a public highway

Ambrase N. Merrick  
Petitioner for a jury  
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In the Honorable the County Commissioners within + for the County of Hampden -  
Respectfully represent your petitioners, that a highway recently located on the petition of John Wyles + others in the town of Brimfield passes over land of your petitioners + they feel aggrieved by the location of said highway + also by the appraisal of damages by your Honorable Board for the damage sustained by your petitioners by the location of said highway. Your petitioners therefore respectfully asks that a jury after proper proceedings be called out to assess the damage of your petitioners in the premises, + that such jury may make such alterations in the location of said



highway as they may deem just & proper  
dated at Springfield this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April  
A.D. 1858

Ambrose W. Merrick  
Marcia Merrick by  
her atty A. W. Merrick —

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty eight and by adjournment  
on the twenty eighth day of April A.D. 1858 at  
which meeting the Petitioners appeared and  
agreed with the Commissioners upon Samuel  
Root, Aaron Bagg and George Booth as a  
Committee to estimate the damages, and on  
the twenty third day of April A.D. 1858: a  
warrant was duly issued to said Root, Bagg  
and Booth to hear and determine the matter  
of Complaint set forth in said petition.  
And this petition was continued from  
meeting to meeting to this meeting. And  
now the following Report of said Committee  
and certificate of acceptance of Report  
by the Court of Common Pleas was received  
Report"

Palmer May 13<sup>th</sup> 1858

We the Subscribers appointed by the foregoing  
warrant, a committee to ascertain the  
amount of damages to be awarded to  
Mrs Marcia Merrick of Springfield, in  
the County of Hampden occasioned by  
the running a road across her farm  
situated in said Springfield, according to  
the petition of John Wayles & others, dated  
March 9<sup>th</sup> 1857, having been duly sworn,  
and having duly notified the parties of  
the time & place of meeting and having  
met the parties at the time and place  
appointed, do hereby declare and award  
to Mrs Marcia Merrick aforesaid the



Sum of Seven hundred twenty five dollars in full for all damages sustained by her by reason of the location of the highway mentioned in said warrant upon the petition of John Wyke & others: said committee make no alteration in the location of said highway. The award is made exclusive of costs. Mrs Marcia Merrick to recover the legal taxable costs besides the sum above awarded.

Samuel Root }  
 Aaron Bagg } Committee  
 George Boston }

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden ss. Court of Common Pleas  
 June Term 1858

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. —

I certify that at the above term the Report of the committee appointed to estimate damages to land of Marcia Merrick taken for a highway laid upon the petition of John Wyke & others has been duly returned at this term accepted and ordered to be recorded and that the within is a copy of said report. — The costs of said petitioner excepting the fees of the committee have been taxed at thirty three dollars and thirty two cents \$33.32

Geo. B. Morris, Clerk  
 of C. C. P. —

Along Marshall's  
 Rd. for the approval  
 & allowance of a town  
 way in Holland  
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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The undersigned residents of Holland in said County, respectfully represent that the public convenience requires that a town way be laid out and made from the Noyce pond Brook a little southerly from John. W. Snow and running northerly to the Snow farm thence Easterly past Charles Marshall's House to Saw Hill road below the



dwelling House of C. D. Moore. Also that the  
Selectmen of Tolland after notice and hearing  
of parties have laid out said road and  
reported the same to the town at a public  
meeting of the inhabitants duly warned for  
that purpose - and that the town has  
unreasonably refused to accept said  
report. We therefore your petitioners pray  
your Honorable Board to view the premises  
at your earliest convenience and approve  
and allow of said way as laid out by  
the Selectmen and direct the said laying  
out to be recorded by the clerk of said  
town and as in duty Bound will ever pray.  
Tolland July 13<sup>th</sup> 1858

Alonzo Marshall & others,

The foregoing petition was entered at  
a meeting of the County Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred and fifty eight. At which  
meeting the Commissioners, during a view  
of the premises expedient and proper, gave  
notice that they would meet for the purpose  
of said view, at the dwelling house of  
Charles W. Marshall in Tolland on Wednesday  
the twenty ninth day of September next at  
nine o'clock, A. M.; and it was ordered  
by the County Commissioners that a copy  
of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy, upon the  
clerk of the Town of Tolland in said County,  
thirty days, at least, before the said twenty ninth  
day of September and that all other persons  
and Corporations interested therein be  
notified, by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican  
a public newspaper printed in said County,  
three weeks successively, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time  
of said view. And it was further ordered



by the commissioners. That copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Tolland fourteen days before said twenty ninth day of September and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And that the commissioners will also at the same time & place hear all persons and corporations who may desire to be heard therein. and if they should judge that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, approve and allow of the way as laid out by said Selectmen and direct the said laying out and acceptance to be recorded by the clerk of said town of Tolland, —

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows. —

Hampden S.D. Aug<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1858

I this day served an attested copy of this Petition & order upon Samuel Hamilton he being the clerk of the town Tolland, and at same time posted like attested copies in two public places in said Tolland (to wit) at the Store of Hamilton & Sinker, and upon the centre Church in said Tolland

Fred<sup>d</sup> Bush, S. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight. —



On the petition of Alonzo Marshall and  
others of Holland in said County representing  
and setting forth that the public convenience  
requires that a town way be laid out  
and made from the Joyce pond brook  
a little southerly from John M. Snow and  
running northerly to the Snow farm thence  
easterly past Charles Marshall's house to  
the Saw hill road below the dwelling  
house of E. D. Moon: Also, that the  
Selectmen of Holland after notice and  
hearing of parties have laid out said  
road, and reported the same to the  
town at a public meeting of the inhabitants  
duly warned for that purpose, and that  
the town has unreasonably refused to  
accept said report. We therefore, your  
petitioners, pray your Honorable Board to  
view the premises at your earliest  
convenience, and approve and allow of  
said way as laid out by the Selectmen  
and direct the said laying out to be  
recorded by the clerk of said town and  
as in duty bound will ever pray, as  
by said petition on file will appear.  
The Commissioners deeming a view of  
the premises expedient appointed Wednes-  
=day the twenty ninth day of September  
then next and nine o'clock in the fore-  
=noon at the house of Charles Marshall  
in Holland as the time and place for  
viewing the premises: and caused a copy  
of said petition to be served upon the  
clerk of the town of Holland being the  
town within which such new way is  
prayed for, thirty days before the time  
appointed for said view: and also  
caused abstracts of said petition containing  
the substance thereof to be posted in two  
public places in Holland, and also gave  
gave notice to all persons by causing



a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County. Said posting and the last publication of said copy having been at least fourteen days before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view, and that the Commissioners would also at the same time and place hear all persons and corporations who might desire to be heard thereon and if they should judge that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, approve and allow of the way as laid out by the said Selectmen and direct the said laying out to be recorded by the clerk of said town of Solland. —

And on the said twenty ninth day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and for the purpose before mentioned and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same said Commissioners did there and there adjudge that the common convenience and necessity of the inhabitants of the town of Solland - require that the prayer of the petition should be granted, that the inhabitants of the town of Solland did unreasonably refuse or neglect to approve and allow the laying out of the town way by the Selectmen as described in the petition of Abner Marshall and others. —

The location of the Town Road made by the Selectmen of Solland which the



County Commissioners approve and allow is  
described in their report as follows, to wit.  
— One the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town  
of Solland have laid out for the use of  
the said town a town way as follows.

Beginning at the  
North end west of the Bridge near  
the mouth of Hayes Pond, thence North to  
the corner of Seth Snows land thence Easterly  
to Charles Marshalls land formerly known as  
the Smiths lot, thence Easterly on the South  
line of said Smiths lot to E. C. Moores lot  
known as the Rose Orchard meadow, thence  
East on the South line or wall of said  
meadow to intersect the road near said  
E. C. Moores house. — And the whole distance  
of said line or course is one hundred and  
fifty six rods. And the aforesaid road is  
to be four rods wide and to lie on the  
Southernly side of said course.

And we do award to the owners of the  
land over which said way passes their  
damage as follows to E. C. Moore Thirty Dollars  
to be paid by the town of Solland, and  
the said A. Marshall and all others have  
released all damages for laying said way  
through their land. — Which said road is  
herely reported to the Town for their  
acceptance and when accepted and  
recorded is forever after to be known as  
a public town way. — Dated at Solland  
this first day of July in the year of our  
Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty  
eight.

P. H. Swining } Selectmen  
H. C. Brown } of Solland.

And now it is ordered that the said  
town of Solland cause the road aforesaid  
to be worked, made and completed in  
the most faithful and workmanlike manner  
and as follows, to wit: The said road



must be thoroughly ploughed where ploughing is practicable and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps and roots, where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard & durable road a top covering of at least ten inches of good gravel or some other good material the best that can be obtained in the vicinity will be required over the whole width of sixteen feet for the traveled part of the road. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the side of the traveled part thereof to its centre to the height of 12 inches and the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of sixteen feet exclusive of the side slopes and ditches; so that carriages & teams may pass with safety & convenience over any part of the sixteen feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked as near as practicable in the centre of, and parallel to its location except near its angle which must be judiciously rounded so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. —

The side ditches, where they are needed must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of sixteen feet as aforesaid and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet at an angle of twenty four degrees or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise. They must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road without unnecessary curvature in their direction and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side.



all excavations and embankments unless protected by retaining wall must be constructed with side slopes of one and a half horizontal to one perpendicular foot, substantial railing will be required at all points, where the safety of the traveler renders the same necessary: The railing must be of straight chestnut or hemlock poles not less than four inches in diameter in any part & must be securely fastened with iron bolts to chestnut or Hemlock posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than seven inches in diameter, and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet & not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center, all joinings or splittings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the supports aforesaid by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles at least one foot in length in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than two feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment and without in any manner obstructing the said sixteen feet for traveled part of the road.

All bridges must be constructed with substantial well laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same materials with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel, and a crowning of the road of 12 inches in addition: except the span or arch of the bridge each exceed three



feet in the clear when it may be covered with good three inch plank. All bridges must be made twenty feet long measured at right angles - with the direction of the road and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet and to the width of not less than 16 feet between the railings clear of all obstructions -

All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge and be measured in the same manner with good firm straight stone sides or abutments not less than two feet apart and 18 inches high and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 12 inches in addition. In grading the road all unnecessary undulations must be avoided and the hills or high places must be so cut down and the low places so filled as to render the inclination of the road as favorable as possible.

And it is ordered that all other roads crossing intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossing intersections or connections therewith as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler -

And it is further ordered that the time of 20 days be allowed the several owners of land over which said road is located to remove their wood, timber, trees & crops thereon standing or lying -

And it is further ordered that said road be worked and made hard safe and convenient for travelers to pass over with their cattle, horses, teams and carriages and that it be made and completed by the town of Holland before the first day



of June 1859 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners. —

And it is further ordered that a copy of this adjudication be transmitted to the Town Clerk of the town of Solland there by him to be recorded in said towns Book of Records that said road may forever be known as a town road.

Henry Fuller	} County Commissioners
Henry J. Brown	
Nelson, D. Parks	

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public Town road

Ordered that William H. Butler be appointed to make a plan of Court Square which plan when completed is to be placed among the files of the Commissioners

Plan of Court Square filed

The County Commissioners, having viewed and Acceptance of carefully examined throughout, the Alterations alterations & repairs & specific Repairs on the highway in Springfield, Repair. on H. Way located and ordered upon the petition of in Springfield John. B. Abbe & others and having found the on petition of same well made, constructed and completed, John. B. Abbe & also according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

The County Commissioners, having viewed Acceptance of and carefully examined throughout, the H. Way in Solland highway in Solland, located and ordered on petition of upon the petition of Jacob Newell & others, Jacob Newell & also and having found the same well made constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted. —



Acceptance of  
Town Way in  
Holyoke on Pet  
of Chester Crafts &c

The County Commissioners, having viewed and carefully examined throughout the Town Way in Holyoke. Located and ordered upon the petition of Chester Crafts & others and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon the same is by them accepted. —

Acceptance of  
H. Way in Monson  
on Pet of Charles  
H. Merrick &c

The County Commissioners, having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Monson, located and ordered upon the petition of Charles H. Merrick and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted —

Acceptance of  
H. Way in Monson  
on Pet of Samuel  
Shaw & others

The County Commissioners, having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Monson, located and ordered upon the petition of Samuel Shaw & others and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted. —

\$50.00

Ordered that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated from the County Treasury for a library at the jail & house of correction & Edward Ingersoll, Geo. B. Morris & Dr. McLean are appointed a committee to expend the same

\$4147.38

Sundry accounts against the County being now presented for allowances amounting to the sum of four thousand one hundred and forty seven dollars and thirty eight cents are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury



The following persons are allowed the sums set against their respective names in full for damage to land taken for highways and the same amounting to one thousand three hundred and two dollars are ordered to be paid from the county treasury.

On Petition of James Stewart & co  
Le Mills Nye one hundred dollars \$100.00  
" Widow John M. Cannon 77.00

On Petition of John Wyles & co  
Mrs Marcia Merrick, six hundred sixty five dollars \$665.00  
O. F. Spaulding, sixty dollars 60.00

O. F. Spaulding being possessed of an estate for years & Marcia Merrick of an estate in reversion, by agreement of the parties the above apportionment of damages is made.

On Petition of Selectmen of Palmer (dec 2)  
Joseph B. Hastings \$400.00  
\$1300.00

Hampden, ss. December 21<sup>st</sup> 1858

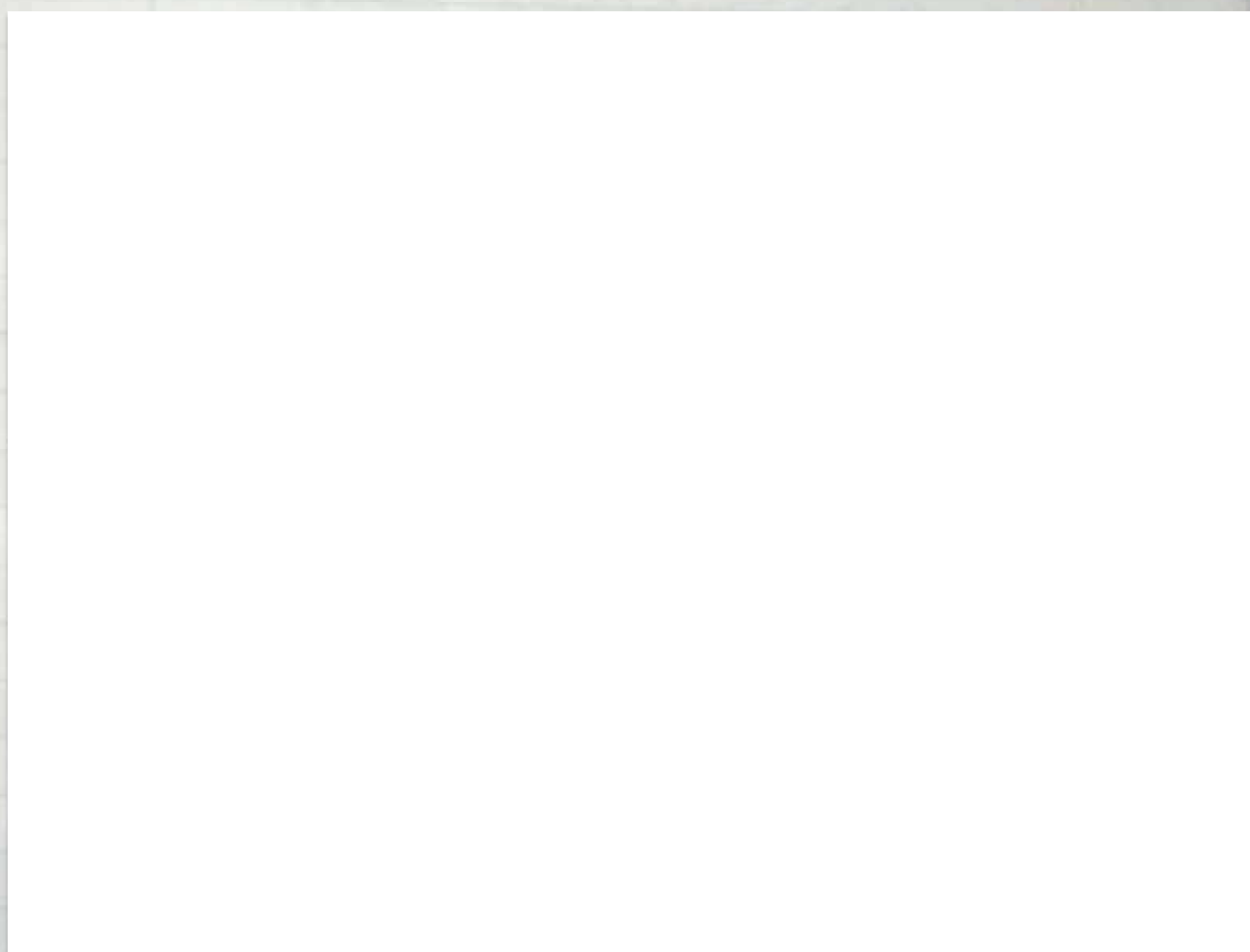
Judgment is entered up according to reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Wm B. Morris Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County  
Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield  
within and for the County of Hampden on  
the fourth Tuesday of December being the  
twenty eighth day of said month to the  
twenty ninth day of said month

Present, Henry Fuller Esquire } Chairman  
Henry S. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parks } Commissioners

and on the thirtieth day of said month of  
December in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and fifty eight  
and by adjournment on the third day  
of January, and from day to day to the  
seventh day of said month of January  
and by adjournment on the eighteenth  
day of said month of January + from  
day to day to the twentieth day of said  
month of January, and by adjournment  
on the twenty third day of February, and  
by adjournment on the second day of  
March and from day to day to the fourth  
day of said month of March and by  
adjournment on the twenty eighth day  
of said month of March, and from day to  
day to the thirtieth day of said month of  
March in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Present, Henry S. Brown Esquire } Chairman  
Nelson D. Parks } County  
Henry Charles } Commissioners

Henry Charles Esq having been declared by  
the board of examiners duly elected County  
Commissioner for the County of Hampden  
in place of Henry Fuller Esq and having  
been duly sworn appeared on the thirtieth  
day of December aforesaid and the board  
consisting of Henry S. Brown, Nelson D. Parks  
and Henry Charles Esquire proceed to the choice



of chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three of which Henry H. Brown has two and is chosen chairman of the board for the year ensuing -

Selectmen of Wilbraham  
have put for discontinuance  
+ New Highway in  
Wilbraham

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In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire. The subscribers Selectmen of the town of Wilbraham in said County respectfully represent that the public convenience and necessity require that some or all of the portion of the mountain Road, so called in said Wilbraham lying between the Boston Road and the point where said mountain Road is intersected by another mountain Road so called, in said Wilbraham running from John Baldwins to said first mentioned mountain Road, said point of intersection being northerly from and near to the School House in District No 8, should be discontinued, and that instead thereof there should be laid out and established a new road from said Boston Road across the Western Rail Road to or near said point of intersection of said two mountain Roads, and that said new road should be so constructed as to pass under or upon the same level with said Western Rail Road. -

Wherefore the subscribers respectfully request that said first mentioned mountain Road may be discontinued as aforesaid, and that said New Road may be laid out and established as aforesaid, or that the Selectmen of said town of Wilbraham may be permitted and authorized to lay out and establish and construct said new road as aforesaid, without any charge or expense, however, to the inhabitants of said Town of Wilbraham for laying out, establishing, or constructing so much of said New Road as may come within



the limits of land belonging to the Western  
Rail Road Corporation and that such  
further orders and proceedings may be  
made and had in the premises as to your  
honorable board may seem proper.

Wilbraham, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1857

Henry Beut } Seclusion of  
John Baldwin Wilbraham

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners held  
for said County on the Fourth Tuesday  
of June, and by adjournment on the fourth  
day of August in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen hundred and fifty seven, at  
which meeting the Commissioners, deeming  
a view of the premises expedient and  
proper, gave notice that they would meet  
for the purpose of said view, at the  
dwelling house of John Baldwin in Wilbraham  
on Thursday the Tenth day of September  
next, at nine o'clock A. M. and it was  
ordered by the County Commissioners that  
a copy of said petition be served by the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon  
the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham in said  
County, and upon the agent of the Western  
Rail Road Corporation thirty days, at least,  
before the said Tenth day of September  
and that all other persons and corporations  
interested therein be notified by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order  
thereon, in the Springfield Republican,  
a public newspaper printed in said  
County, three weeks successively, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said view, and it  
was further ordered by the Commissioners,  
that copies of said petition, or abstracts  
containing the substance thereof and this  
order, be posted up by said Sheriff  
or Deputy, in two public places in the



Town of Wilbraham - fourteen days before said fourth day of September, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden. Ss. August 11<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of this warrant I have this day served an attested copy of this Petition and order upon the Town Clerk of Wilbraham and one upon the agent of the Western Rail Road Corporation and posted up two copies in two public places in the Town of Wilbraham

Wm. B. Morgan } Dep't Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden. Ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven & by adjournment on the fourth day of August, A.D. 1857 - on the petition of the Selectmen of Wilbraham then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that - The subscribers - Selectmen of the Town of Wilbraham in said County respectfully represent that the Public convenience and necessity require that some or all of that portion of the mountain road so called in said Wilbraham lying



between the Boston Road and the point  
where said mountain Road is intersected  
by another mountain Road, so called, viz  
said Wilbraham, running from John Baldwin  
to said first mentioned mountain road,  
said point of intersection being northwily  
from & near to the school house in district  
No 8 - should be discontinued, and that instead,  
thereof, there should be laid out and established,  
a new Road - from said Boston Road,  
across the Western Rail Road to or near  
some point of intersection of said two  
mountain Roads, & that said new road  
should be so constructed as to pass under  
or upon the same level with said -  
Western Rail Road.

Wherefore the subscribers respectfully  
request that first mentioned mountain  
Road may be discontinued as aforesaid,  
and that said new road may be  
laid out and established as aforesaid, or  
that the selectmen of said town of Wilbraham  
may be permitted and authorized to lay  
out & establish and construct said new  
Road as aforesaid, without any charge  
or expense, however to the inhabitants of  
said town of Wilbraham for laying out,  
establishing, or constructing so much of  
said new Road, as may come within the  
limits of land belonging to the Western Rail  
Road Corporation, and that such further  
orders and proceedings may be made and  
had in the premises as to your honorable  
board may seem proper

Wilbraham Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1857

Henry Rust } Selectmen of  
John Baldwin } Wilbraham.

as by said petition on file will appear.  
The commissioners, drawing a view of  
the premises expedient, appointed Thursday  
the tenth day of September then next



and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Baldwin in said Milbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of said Milbraham, being the town within which such discontinuance of old Highway & location of New Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy - having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said tenth day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that that part of petition praying for the discontinuance of the highway in said petition be granted, and that, that part of the petition



praying for a new highway be refused.  
Henry F. Brown one of the County Commissioners  
being unable to attend the other Commissioners  
notified Daniel S. White one of the Special  
Commissioners who appeared and acted in  
his stead.

Francis Brewer } County  
Henry Fuller } Commissioners  
Daniel S. White } Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered  
was accepted and the road prayed for  
refused, and the discontinuance of road  
prayed for, adjudged of Common Convenience  
and necessity. — At which meeting the  
Commissioners ordered, that notice be  
given to all persons and corporations  
interested therein, that said Commissioners  
would meet at the dwelling-house of  
John Baldwin in Wilbraham on Wednesday  
the twenty fifth day of November next,  
at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the  
purpose of locating said discontinuance  
by publishing an abstract of said petition  
and this order thereon, in the Springfield  
Republican a public newspaper printed  
in said County, three weeks successively,  
the last publication to be fourteen days  
at least before the said twenty fifth  
day of November. — And it was further  
ordered by the County Commissioners, that  
the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy,  
serve the clerk of the town of Wilbraham  
with a copy of said petition and this  
order, thirty days at least — and post up  
abstracts containing the substance thereof  
in two public places in said town of  
Wilbraham — fourteen days at least before  
the said 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, at which  
times the said Commissioners would proceed  
to locate as aforesaid — and will hear all  
persons and corporations interested therein,



who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows.

Hampden, ss. October 24<sup>th</sup> 1857

By virtue of the within Order I this day notified the inhabitants and all corporations of the town of Wilbraham, in said County interested therein of the meeting of the County Commissioners to locate the within named discontinuance by posting up attested copies of this order in two public places in said town and by giving the town clerk of said town an attested copy thereof as within directed.

R. G. Marsh } Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven and by adjournment on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1857, -  
On the petition of the Selectmen of Wilbraham then presented to said Commissioners - asking that a new highway may be located from near the School House in District No 8 in Wilbraham across the Western Rail Road - to the Boston Road, and that the present highway may be discontinued. - as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday



the tenth day of September then next and  
nearly a clock in the forenoon, at the house  
of John Baldwin in Milbraham as the time  
and place for viewing the premises; and  
caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the clerk of the town of Milbraham,  
being the town within which such disconti-  
nuance and Highway is prayed for, and  
upon the agent of the Western Rail Road  
Corporation. Thirty days at least before  
the time appointed for said view; and  
also caused abstracts of said petition, -  
containing the substance thereof, to be  
posted in two public places in said  
town; and also gave notice to all  
persons interested by causing a copy  
of said petition to be published three  
weeks successively in the - Springfield  
Republican - a newspaper published  
in said County, said posting and the last  
publication of said copy having been  
fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view; and before  
said view was had, said Commissioners  
gave notice in like manner as described  
in the foregoing notice of the petition, to  
all persons interested, of the time and  
place for commencing said view.  
And on the said tenth day of September  
the Commissioners met at the time and  
place appointed, and proceeded to view  
the premises, and having viewed the  
same the further consideration thereof  
was deferred till the next regular meeting  
of the Commissioners, held at Springfield  
aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October  
then next at which meeting the parties  
were heard, and after the hearing,  
said Commissioners proceed to consider  
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said  
petition, and after considering the same



Said commissioners did adjudge that that part of the petition praying for the discontinuance of the highway in said petition be granted, and that that part of the petition praying for a new highway be refused, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Wednesday the twenty fifth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Baldwin in said Wilbraham as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said discontinuance, and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said discontinuance in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view / except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof / on the said twenty fifth day of November met and proceeded to locate said discontinuance as follows, viz: -

"Commencing about fifteen rods from the Northeastly corner of the School house in District No 8 (in said Wilbraham) at the junction of said road with the one leading from John Baldwin past said School House, thence a North Easterly course across the Western Rail Road to the Boston Road so called, and the highway from said junction to the Boston Road is hereby discontinued.

After locating as aforesaid the commissioners proceeded to hear all persons & corporations interested in relation to damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon. Mr. Merrick appeared and stated that Mr John Bliss, who was interested in this matter had lately deceased and



acted that the hearing might be postponed to the next regular meeting of the Commissioners at Springfield and the same was adjourned as requested, and from that meeting was continued from time to time to this meeting where having fully heard all persons and corporations who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to damages on account of said discontinuance said Commissioners consider and adjudge that no person or corporation is entitled to receive damages on account of said discontinuance and none are awarded.

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry J. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson D. Parke }

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road discontinued as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Cyrus Knox & also  
The undersigned respectfully represent that Peter for widening  
the Highway leading from Duckville in Palmer straightening or new  
by the Town House to Palmer Depot. from or Highway in Palmer  
near the Barn of Thomas Smith to the dwelling  
House of Augustus Barrett is narrow  
and crooked. So much so that it is  
very inconvenient for public travel. —

Wherefor your petitioners request your  
Honors to view said road and to widen  
and straighten, or to locate a new road  
between the termini as public convenience  
and necessity requires —

Palmer June 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

Cyrus Knox & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at  
a meeting of the County Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen Hundred and fifty eight, at which



meeting the commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Antique House in Palmer on Thursday the fifth day of August next, at eleven o'clock, A.M.; and it was ordered by the county commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, in said county, thirty days at least, before the said fifth day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Palmer fourteen days before said fifth day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the county commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued, to the meeting of the county commissioners held for said county on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight. And the Sheriff of said county made his return as follows—  
Hampden ss. July 5<sup>th</sup> 1858.

By virtue of the within order I have summoned the within named parties as within directed by giving in hand a



true and attested copy of the within of the  
Town Clerk of Palmer and on the seventh  
day of July instant I posted up true and  
attested copies of the within at C. F. Packards  
Store and at the Antiques House.

S. S. Hills.

Deputy Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners -  
made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty eight.

On the petition of Caprus Knox and others  
there presented to said Commissioners, -

representing and setting forth that the  
Highway leading from Duckville in Palmer  
by the town house to Palmer Depot from  
or near the Barn of Thomas Smith to the  
dwelling House of Augustus Barrett is narrow  
and crooked, so much so that it is  
very inconvenient for public travel, wherefore  
your petitioners request your Honors to view  
said road and to widen and straighten  
or to locate a new road between the  
termini as public convenience and necessity  
requires, as by said petition on file will  
appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Thursday the  
fifth day of August, there next and Eleven  
o'clock in the forenoon, at the Antiques House  
in Palmer as the time and place for viewing  
the premises; and caused a copy of said  
petition to be served upon the clerk of the  
Town of Palmer - being the town within  
wherein such alteration and New road  
is prayed for, thirty days at least before



the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Palmer the said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifth day of August the Commissioners met at the time <sup>and place</sup> and appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity does not require the location of a new Highway but that the existing highway between the termini mentioned in the petition can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new Highway by widening straightening and directing specific repairs to be made thereon. —

Henry Fuller County  
 Henry F. Brown Commissioners  
 Nelson D. Parks

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations & specific repairs in said report, adjudged of common



convenience and necessity. - At which meeting the commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that the said commissioners would meet at the Antiques House in Palmer on Tuesday the sixteenth day of November next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of locating said widening straightening and specific repairs by publishing an abstract of said petition - and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of November. And it was further ordered by the county commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Palmer, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Palmer fourteen days at least before the said 16<sup>th</sup> day of November at which time the said commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. -

Hampton, S.C. October 9<sup>th</sup> 1858

I have left a copy of the within petition & order at the town clerk's office in Palmer, and on the nineteenth day of the same October posted true and attested of the within petition & order at O. F. Packard & Co. Store at the Post Office in the town of Palmer

J. S. Halls, Deputy Sheriff



And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight. —

On the petition of Cyrus Hoxey & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the highway leading from Duckhill in Palmer by the Town House to Palmer Depot, from or near the Barn of Thomas Smith to the dwelling House of Augustus Barnett, is narrow & crooked, so much so that it is very inconvenient for public travel, wherefore your petitioners request your Honor to view said road and to widen and straighten or to locate a new road between the termini, as public convenience and necessity requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the fifth day of August then next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Antique House in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the Town of Palmer being the town within which such new Road and alterations is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Palmer said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last



publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifth day of August the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity does not require the location of a new highway but that the existing highway between the termini mentioned in the petition can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new highway, by widening, straightening and directing specific repairs to be made thereon, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of November, then next, and 12 o'clock noon, at the Antique House in said Palmer as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid - and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view - except publishing an



abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof.) on the said sixteenth day of November met and proceeded to locate as follows. viz  
 \* Commencing at a stone monument on the Westerly side of the road leading from Buckville to Palmer Depot at the North Easterly corner of Thomas B. Smiths barn shed then running South thirty three degrees ten minutes West Three Hundred and twenty eight feet to a stone. Then South Thirteen degrees twenty five minutes West Three Hundred and forty two feet to a stone on the Northerly bank of Ware River. Then South one degree Twenty five minutes <sup>West</sup> across said river Two Hundred and fifty four feet to a stone. Then South Four degrees West Five Hundred and five feet to a stone eleven feet from the South Easterly corner of the Cooley house now owned by John Ward in range of the Southerly end. Then South one degree West one Hundred and sixty six feet to a stone. Then South seven degrees fifty minutes East Three Hundred and thirty five feet to a stone. Then South Thirteen degrees forty five minutes East Seven Hundred and ninety one feet to a stone on the Northerly line of Nathan Knowltons land. Then South Ten degrees fifteen minutes East Two Hundred feet to a stone on Southerly side of road leading from Ware River to Shomdike. on the Westerly side at the commencement of this course eleven feet. at one hundred and fifty three feet from commencement eighteen feet wide is over land of said Nathan Knowlton and the remainder of location is over the old road. Then South Five degrees forty minutes West Five Hundred and eighty two feet to a stone. - At the commencement of the course six and a half feet. at the end of the course seventeen feet. in width is over land of said Knowlton.



The remainder over the old road. Then  
South eleven degrees <sup>Range to W</sup> East Six Hundred and  
forty five feet to a stone. at commencement  
of course Seventeen feet in width and  
terminating at a point one Hundred and  
eighty feet from commencement is over land  
of Land Knowlton. The remainder over the  
old road. Then South four degrees two  
minutes West Seven Hundred and twenty  
five feet to a stone on the Northwesterly  
side of Town road near the house of  
Marble. H. Ferris. Then South Eight degrees,  
ten minutes East one Hundred and forty  
two feet to a stone, then South Twenty  
four degrees fifteen minutes East. One  
Hundred and fifty three feet to a  
stone bearing from the North Westerly  
corner of the foundation of Marble. H. Ferris  
dwelling house. North Eighty degrees -  
twenty minutes. West Seventy three feet  
distant. Then South Eighteen degrees ten  
minutes East Three Hundred and forty five  
feet to a stone. Then South Eleven degrees  
ten minutes East Three Hundred and eighty  
two feet to a stone. Then South nine degrees  
East Nine Hundred and twenty eight  
feet to a stone. Then South Six degrees  
thirty minutes West one Hundred and  
ninety eight feet to a stone. Then South  
Thirteen degrees forty minutes West Six  
Hundred and forty three feet to a stone.  
Then South four degrees forty minutes  
West six Hundred and sixteen feet to  
a stone. Then South Seven degrees thirty  
minutes East Two Hundred and thirty  
seven feet to a stone. bearing from the  
South Easterly corner of foundation stone  
of Benj. A. Burley's dwelling house. South.  
Fifty three degrees fifteen minutes East  
distant forty two  $\frac{3}{4}$  feet. Then South. one  
degree forty minutes East. Seventeen Hundred



and sixty four feet to a stone, then South twenty minutes West Ten Hundred and fourteen feet to a stone, bearing from the South Easterly corner of the foundation of Augustus Barrett dwelling house, South Forty degrees ten minutes East, and thirty six and a half feet distant. -

The lines are run in the center of the location and the monuments are set on the Westerly or right hand side of the location at right angles with the back courses and the highway is located three rods wide except the last course and distance which is sixty four feet wide at the end and merges to three rods wide at the distance of Two Hundred feet Northerly of the end and the remaining part thereof is three rods wide. The stones mentioned at the end of the courses and distances are the monuments set to mark the termini and angles of the aforesaid location.

The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, John Ward having relinquished all claim for damages and Marble H. Herd having relinquished all claim for damages except to a piece of land conveyed by him to the inhabitants of Palmer for a term of years, consider and adjudge that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Nathan Knowlton in full compensation for all damages which he will sustain in consequence of the aforesaid location, no other person or corporation in the opinion of the County Commissioners being entitled to damages none were awarded.

The several owners of land over which said road is located are allowed until the fifteenth day of April next to remove



the wood, timber, genus trees and crops  
thereon standing. -

And it is ordered that so much of the  
above described highway as is included in  
the following limits be reconstructed, graded  
and repaired in accordance with directions  
hereafter given. Viz: -

Commencing at the edge of the plankton  
on the southerly end of the Bridge over  
Ware River and extending southerly three  
hundred and twenty five feet to Station  
No 14.

Also commencing at Station No 17 five  
hundred and twenty five feet southerly  
of said Bridge and extending southerly  
nine hundred and fifty feet to Station No 27

Also commencing at Station No 37 twenty  
five hundred and twenty five feet southerly  
of said Bridge and extending southerly  
twelve hundred feet to Station No 49. -

Also commencing five thousand five hundred  
and twenty five feet southerly of said Bridge  
at Station No 67 and extending southerly  
to the end of the location at Station No 118.

And it is ordered that the said town of  
Palmer cause the road aforesaid which is  
within the limits of the said town of Palmer  
to be widened, made, and completed in  
the most faithful and workmanlike manner,  
and as follows, to wit: The said road must  
be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps and  
roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable  
for making a hard and permanent road,  
must be removed out of the traveled  
way, or may be used in embankment,  
if it be so placed as not to be within  
twelve inches of the surface of the road  
when finished. Where the materials within  
the traveled part of the road are unsuitable  
for making a hard and durable road,  
and the subsoil under the same is of a



loamy or clayey character. a top covering of at least 10 inches of good gravel, or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 12 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 20 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches; so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 20 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of, and parallel to its location, except as hereafter specified, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches, where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 20 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior



line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamps or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable from its weight to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will on no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments except as hereafter specified where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees; where the materials are loose gravel or sand, this angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler; the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet



Eight above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from centre to centre. When the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or post, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof, not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment and without, in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments are constructed, or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned, and where the materials can



be obtained at a reasonable expense this kind of structure will be required.) Said walls must be battered back toward the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height the inner face thereof being perpendicular; the road must be worked to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a crowning of the road of 8 inches in addition; except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty-four feet long, measured at right angles with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than 20 feet between the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone



Sides, or abutments not less than two  
 feet apart, and 18 inches high, and be  
 covered with the same material, with  
 a top covering of not less than twelve-  
 inches of good gravel or some other good  
 material, and the road over said structure  
 must be crowned 8 inches in addition. The  
 owners of land over which said road is located  
 retains the legal right to construct cattle culverts,  
 or farm bridges across and underneath the road  
 for their accommodation and convenience,  
 provided they do not thereby increase the  
 ascent or descent in the grading of the road,  
 as hereafter described, and construct said  
 culverts or bridges in manner prescribed  
 for the bridge; and the said culverts when  
 placed in must forever after be maintained  
 by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in  
 good repair, and in such condition as to  
 render them safe and convenient for the  
 traveler. In grading the road aforesaid,  
 care must be used in front of any  
 dwelling house or other building where an  
 excavation is required, to leave the side  
 bank thereof nearest said building, in the  
 best shape for placing in a bank wall if  
 the owner of said building shall so elect,  
 otherwise so to slope such side bank as  
 to cause the least possible injury to said  
 building or the appurtenances thereto; -  
 provided, however, where such passage  
 ways cannot be made safe and convenient  
 by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be  
 constructed for that purpose. Whenever  
 an embankment is directed in front of a  
 dwelling-house or other building, it must  
 be constructed and sloped on that side  
 of the traveled way nearest said building  
 in such manner as to render the road  
 safe without the aid of railing, (for in  
 such case no railing can be allowed) and



in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be.

Trees that have been planted and reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of lands over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. And it is further ordered that the grading of the road aforesaid which lies within the town of Palmer be so worked as not in any place to exceed the angle of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter mentioned.

The grade stakes are all set on the side of the present traveled path and the center of said traveled path opposite said stakes is the point of admeasurement for ascertaining the amount of excavation or embankment, the surface of the road that is at grade in connection with the line of inclination represents the base of the traveled part of the road and the crowning of twelve inches required by this order is in all cases to be considered as placed on or above said line. The admeasurement is given in feet and decimal parts of a foot and said grading is as follows to wit: commencing at the edge of the plankings of the aforesaid bridge, which



is at grade, at the center of the road bed opposite. Station No 10 fill 1.77 ft at No 11 fill 2 ft. at No 12 fill 1.86 ft. at No 13 fill 1.24 ft. No 14 is at grade. Then commencing at Station No 17 at grade, at No 18 fill 1 ft. at No 19 fill 3.82 ft. at No 20 fill 3 ft. at No 21 grade, at No 22 fill 0.63 ft. at No 23 fill 0.73 ft. at No 24 grade, at No 25 cut 4.25 ft. at No 26 cut 4 ft. at No 27 grade. Then commencing at grade at No 37. at No 38 cut 3.19 ft. at No 39 cut 2.53 ft. at No 40 cut 0.75 ft. at No 41 grade, at No 42 fill 2.61 ft. at No 43 fill 2.54 ft. at No 44 grade, at No 45 grade, at No 46 cut 1.03 ft. at No 47 grade, at No 48 fill 2.92 ft at No 49 grade. Then commencing at grade No 80. at No 81 cut 0.93 ft. at No 82 cut 0.70 ft. at No 83 fill 2 ft. No 84. 85. 86. & 87 at grade. at No 88 cut 1.74 ft. at No 89 cut 2.57 ft. at No 90 cut 1 ft. at No 91 fill 3.44 ft. at No 92 fill 3 ft. at No 93 fill 2.09 ft. at No 94 cut 1.70 ft. at No 95 cut 2.07 ft. at No 96 cut 1.47 ft. No 97+98 at grade at No 99. cut 0.24. at No 100 fill 0.87 ft. at No 101 fill 0.25 ft. at No 102 cut 1.67 ft. at No 103 cut 1.19 ft. at No 104 grade, at No 105 fill 0.46 ft. at No 106 fill 0.65 ft. at No 107 cut 3 ft. at No 108 cut 6.42 ft. at No 109 cut 6.53 ft. at No 110 grade, at No 111 fill 3.60 ft. at No 112 fill 5.02 ft. at No 113 fill 4.84 ft. at No 114 fill 2.88 ft. at No 115. 116. 117. + 118 grade

The inclination of the road when completed is to be as follows viz: (The points of admeasurements being from the top of the fill or the bottom of the cut as ordered at the several stations or points named) From the edge of the planting of the aforesaid Bridge over Wame River to Station No 11. Two degrees descending, from No 11 to station No 114 level, from No 17 to



Station No 18 one degree forty five minutes  
descending from Station No 18 to Station No 20  
one degree ascending from Station No 20 to  
No 21 two degrees thirty minutes ascending  
from Station No 21 to Station No 24 two  
degrees forty five minutes ascending from  
No 24 to Station No 27 two degrees ascending  
also from Station No 37 to Station No 44  
two degrees thirty two minutes descending  
from Station No 44 to Station No 47 two  
minutes descending from No 47 to No 49  
two minutes descending. Also commencing  
at Station No 80 and extending to No 84  
thirty minutes descending from No 87 to No  
90 fifteen minutes ascending from No 90  
to No 92 one degree fifteen minutes descending  
from No 92 to No 97 one degree twenty  
minutes ascending from No 98 to No 104  
one degree forty minutes ascending from  
No 104 to No 110 four minutes descending  
from No 110 to No 115 one degree forty  
five minutes descending. And on all  
other parts of the highway the grade is  
to be the same as the present road.

And it is ordered that the embankment  
between the southerly edge of the planting  
of the Bridge over Wawa River, and  
Station No 14 be constructed (except so  
much of the same as is now secured  
by retaining walls) with a slope of  
three feet horizontal to one perpendicular  
foot, and be secured with a Rip Rap  
wall.

And it is further ordered, that on so  
much of the road as lies between Station  
No 67 and Station No 84, the increased  
width ordered for the traveled part of  
the road shall be added on the  
easterly or left hand side of the present  
road bed.

And it is further ordered that so much



of the traveled part of the road as lies between Station No 84 and Station No 89 be constructed as near the center of the location as is practicable with the proper joining of the same with the road on either end thereof.

And it is further ordered, that for the purpose of making & working the specific repairs above ordered the foregoing highway be closed to public travel from the fifteenth day of April next to the first day of June next. —

And it is further ordered, that if in making the excavation as ordered from No 87 to No 90, large rocks or ledge should be found, the fill from No 90 to No 94 may be increased, provided it is done in such a manner as not to change materially the grade ordered from No 87 to No 94.

And it is further ordered that said road be worked in a thorough, skillful and workmanlike manner and made hard, safe and convenient for travelers to pass over with their teams, horses and carriages and that it be made and completed by the town of Palmer before the first day August, A.D., 1859 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners

Henry Fuller } County  
Henry H. Brown } Commissioners  
Nelson D. Parks }

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway.



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Nathaniel Chapin et al  
The undersigned Citizens of Westfield in said Petn for alter of H. way  
County, respectfully represents that the highway in Westfield  
leading from the "Public Green" in said town  
to Great River Bridge, so called is crooked;  
in places too narrow for public conveniences  
and without records or monuments  
fixing the lines or boundaries of the  
same - we therefore for the purpose of  
remedying the above defects, petition  
your board of Commissioners to view  
the same, and make & locate such  
alterations thereon & establish such lines  
of said highway, as you shall judge  
the public good and convenience  
requires.

Westfield June 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

Nathaniel Chapin & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at  
a meeting of the County Commissioners  
Held for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June, in the year of our  
Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight,  
at which meeting the Commissioners,  
deeming a view of the premises expedient  
and proper, gave notice that they would  
meet for the purpose of said view, at  
the Foster House in Westfield on Tuesday  
the third day of August next, at one  
o'clock, P. M. and it was ordered by  
the County Commissioners that a copy  
of said petition be served by the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy, upon the  
clerk of the Town of Westfield in said  
County, thirty days, at least, before the  
said 3<sup>d</sup> day of August, and that all  
other persons and corporations interested  
therein be notified, by publishing a  
copy of said petition and this order  
thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a  
public newspaper printed in said County,



three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield, fourteen days before said third day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows  
Hampden, S.D. July 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

On the 3<sup>d</sup> day of July current I gave the Clerk of Westfield an attested copy of this Petition & order thereon and have posted up like attested copies in two public places in said Westfield.

J. Bush, S. Sheriff,

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Hampden, S.D.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight. —

On the petition of Nathaniel Chapin and others of Westfield there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the highway leading from



the "Public Turn" in said town to Great River  
Bridge so called is crooked: in places too  
narrow for public convenience, and  
without records or monuments fixing  
the lines or boundaries of the same: we  
therefore for the purpose of remedying  
the above defects petition your board to  
view the same, and make and locate  
such alterations thereon and establish  
such lines of said Highway, as you shall  
judge the public good and convenience  
requires, - as by said petition on file will  
appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of  
the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday,  
the third day of August there next and  
one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Foster  
House in Westfield, as the time and  
place for viewing the premises; and  
caused a copy of said petition to be served  
upon the clerk of the town of Westfield  
being the town within which such alterations  
are prayed for. Thirty days at least before  
the time appointed for said view; and  
also caused abstracts of said petition, contain-  
ing the substance thereof, to be posted  
in two public places in Westfield said  
town; and also gave notice to all persons  
interested by causing a copy of said  
petition to be published three weeks  
successively in the Westfield News Letter  
a newspaper published in said County,  
said posting and the last publication  
of said copy having been fourteen days  
at least before the time appointed for  
said view; and before said view was  
had, said Commissioners gave notice in  
like manner as described in the foregoing  
notice of the petition, to all persons  
interested, of the time and place for  
commencing said view.



And on the said third day of August the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

Henry Fuller Esq one of the County Commissioners being disqualified by residence from acting on the foregoing petition, Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners was notified by the other commissioners, and appeared and acted in his stead.

Henry F. Brown	}	County Commissioners
Nelson D. Parks		
Daniel G. White	}	Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations as prayed for, in said road, adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners would meet at the Hampton House in Westfield on Wednesday the nineteenth day of January next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and establishing the lines and boundaries of said road, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteenth days at



least before the said nineteenth day of January. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Westfield - with a copy of said petition and this order. Thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said Town of Westfield. Fourteen days at least before the said nineteenth day of January at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate as aforesaid, and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. - And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County on pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. -

Hampden, ss. Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1859.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Dec last past I delivered an attested copy of within Peti. & order to P. H. Boiss Esq. Town Clerk of Westfield, and have posted abstracts containing the substance of the within in two public places in the Town of Westfield.

Fred. Bush, D. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report on writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

On the petition of Nathaniel Chaperon and others there presented to said Commissioners,



representing and setting forth that the highway leading from the 'Public Green' in the town of Westfield to great River Bridge so called is crooked and in places too narrow for public convenience, and without records or monuments giving the times or boundaries of the same, and for the purpose of remedying the above defects petition the commissioners to view the same and make and locate such alterations thereon and establish such lines of said highway as you shall judge the public good and convenience require as by said petition on file will appear. The commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the third day of August then next and one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Foster House in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said third day of August,



the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petition should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of January then next, and one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Hampden House in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said Highway & alterations and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said nineteenth day of January met and proceeded to locate as follows - viz: -

Commencing at the Southwesterly corner of the Town block, then running North twenty one degrees and forty minutes East, thirty six rods to a stone on the line between J. A. Loomis and heirs of Charles Douglass, then North twenty degrees East, fifteen rods eight & a half links to a stone on land of Universalist Society, then North sixteen degrees East, five rods



and nineteen links to a stone, then North Seventeen degrees East, twelve rods and ten links to a stone on line between Hampden Cigar Company and J. B. Plante land, then North twenty one and a quarter degrees East, twenty seven rods and twenty links to a stone on the Northwesterly side of Bartlett Street, then North twenty five and three quarter degrees East, eleven rods and nineteen links to a stone on line between Susan Osborn and Henry Douglass land, then North twenty seven degrees and five minutes East, five rods and fourteen links to a stone on line between Henry Douglass and Jason Dewey's land, then North twenty eight and three quarter degrees East, three rods and twenty three links to a stone on line between Jason Dewey and Austin Sackett land, then North thirty and a quarter degrees East, six rods and ten links to a stone on line between Austin Sackett and C. Sigens land, then North forty two degrees and twenty minutes East, five rods and twelve and a half links to a stone at the Northwesterly corner of C. Sigens lot, then North forty four and a half degrees East, four rods and fifteen and a half links to a stone on line between Patrick Kief and George Atwater land, then North fifty five degrees and forty minutes East, fifteen rods and twenty links to a stone monument at the Northwesterly corner of Hefni Clarke's house lot and the assumed Southerly line of Meadow Street.

— The survey of the westerly line commences at a stone monument standing six links Easterly of the center of a willow tree near the dyke Southerly of the Great River Bridge, then running South twenty one and a fifth degrees West, eleven rods and nine links to a stone on line between W<sup>m</sup> Calman and George and Hernan Sackett



land, then South forty degrees West eighteen rods and nine links to a stone on line between S. W. Lewis and John Steers land, then South thirty three and a quarter degrees West, five rods to a stone on line between S. W. Lewis and Nathaniel Chapins land, then South twenty nine and a half degrees West, eleven rods and thirteen links to a stone on the Northwely side of Orange Street, then South twenty seven and a half degrees West fourteen rods and five links to a stone on range of the Northwely side of Bartlett St, then South twenty four and a half degrees West twenty seven rods and twenty three links to a stone bearing from the center of an Elm tree on Franklin Park North twenty two degrees and fifty minutes East, three rods and five links distant, then South fifteen and three quarter degrees West, seven rods and eleven links across Franklin Street to a stone near the North Easterly corner of George Chandlers house lot, then South twenty degrees West two rods and nine links to a stone in line between S. Elmo's and Franklin Dewey's land, then South twenty and a half degrees West, thirteen rods and six links to a stone on line between E. Davis and S. Converse land, then South twenty three and a half degrees West forty rods and twenty four links to a stone monument on the Northwely side of School St bearing from the South Easterly corner of the foundation of the M. E. Church, South fifty and a fifth degrees, East twenty five and a quarter links.

The highway embraces all the land lying within the said Easterly and Westerly lines as surveyed, also all the land lying Easterly of the Westerly line at the Northwely end and Westerly of a



Straight line from the last monument on the Easterly side to a point three rods Easterly of the first monument on the Westerly side. The width of the highway measured to a point in range of the Southerly side of the Lewis Block is five rods and thirteen links, and that part of the highway Southerly of said range of said Lewis block is five rods and thirteen links wide, and the transverse measure at all points on the highway is from the outside of the monuments. The stones mentioned in the foregoing survey are the monuments set at the termini and angles of the lines as run. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon consider and adjudge that the following sums be paid to the several persons hereafter named in full compensation for all damages - which they will sustain in consequence of the location and construction of said alterations. -

To William Calnan. One Hundred & Forty Dollars	\$140.00
To George Sackett & Herman Sackett Four Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars. - Experience Sackett has an estate for a term of years or for life in the property on which the - aforesaid sum is allowed and the same is subject to the Provisions of Chap 290 Statutes of 1851	\$475.00
To Enos Corcoran. Seventy Five Dollars	75.00
" Austin Sackett. Eighty Dollars	80.00
" Jason Devery. Twenty Dollars	20.00
" Mrs Susan Osborn. Twelve Dollars	12.00
" Cornelius Bartlett. Ten Dollars	10.00
" C. Singer. Eight Dollars	8.00
Mrs William A. Johnson Forty Dollars. Henry Douglas & wife have an estate for life or a term of years in the property on which the aforesaid sum is allowed	



and the same is subject to the provisions \$40.00  
of Chap 290, Stat of 1851

Amounting to \$860.00

To Addison Sage and William Brown whose  
shops project on the easterly side onto the  
location, but in such manner as not to  
interfere with the traveled part of said  
road, and may remain so long as the  
present buildings stand, but whenever either  
of the same shall be removed from the  
location, the ground within the location  
whereon they now stand is not again to  
be used or occupied for any building  
or for any other purpose, and is to remain  
open and clear of all obstructions as a part  
of said Highway, in consideration thereof  
they relinquish all claim for damages -  
and none are awarded them. -

Hiram Hull, J. W. Steer, J. R. Pland, Hampden  
Logan Company, Daniel Hough, A. B. Whitman,  
Truster Methodist Episcopal Church, J. H. Loomis,  
Hannab, H. May, and The Westfield Bank,  
all having relinquished all claim for  
damage in consequence of said location  
none are awarded to them.

No other person or corporation in the  
opinion of the commissioners being entitled  
to damages none are awarded. -

And it is ordered that the several  
owners of land over which said road  
is located be allowed until the first  
day of August, A. D. 1859 to remove  
their buildings, fences, wood, timber,  
trees and crops thereon standing growing  
or lying.

And it is further ordered that said  
highway be worked and made hard,  
safe and convenient for travelers to  
pass over with their cattle, horses, teams,  
carts and carriage and that it be  
made and completed in a finished



and workmanlike manner by the town of Westfield before the first day of September A.D. 1859. to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Henry T. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parks } Commissioners  
Henry Charles }

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway

Norman Norton Esq County Treasurer presented his account which was examined and allowed by the County Commissioners.

Estimate of Expenses for the County of Hampden for the year 1859 for which a Tax will be necessary.

For Payment of Jurors of the Courts	\$3550.00
" " of Officers of Courts and Messenger	2350.00
" " " Clerk of the Courts	350.00
" " " Constables Service of Constables	175.00
" " " Coroners and Juror Inquest	500.00
" " " County and Special Commissioners	1800.00
" " " Surveyors and Attorneys	300.00
" " " Damages for Land for Highway	2500.00
" " " Monuments for Highways	100.00
" " " Board of Prisoners in Jail & House of Correction	7000.00
" " " of Clothing, Bedding & Medical Attendance of Prisoners	575.00
" " " Fuel & Light Jail & House of Correction	700.00
" " " " Court House	450.00
" " " Repair Jail and House of Correction	500.00
" " " " Court House	300.00
" " " Chaplain & Library Jail & House of Correction	275.00
" " " Overseers House of Correction	150.00
" " " Examiners	30.00
" " " Judge of Probate Committee Summaries	30.00
" " " Record Books Indexes Printing & Stationary	700.00
" " " One third Costs Criminal Prosecutions	6800.00
" " " Interest on County Debt	500.00
" " " Sheriff's Jury	200.00



For Payment of Debt of County (in part)	\$ 2765.00
Salary County Treasurer	400.00
	<u>33000.00</u>

The County is indebted for current expenses for which orders are drawn on the Treasurer and unpaid amounting to \$ 579.38

Also for money borrowed payable on demand being the balance of the debt incurred in building a workshop for House of Correction amounting to \$ 3450.00

Also for money borrowed (payable on demand) to defray the current expenses of the past year amounting to \$ 2050.00

Also for money borrowed (payable June 16<sup>th</sup> - 1860.) to defray the expense of building an Iron Fence around Court Square amounting to \$ 2000.00

Total Debt of the County \$ 8079.38

There is due the County on the County Tax for the year 1858 \$ 7862.75

Henry F. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parks } Commissioners  
Henry Charles }

Collier Adams jailer and Keeper of the House of Correction having presented sundry accounts <sup>for</sup> services it is ordered that the account for notifying Justices for the discharge of poor prisoners from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1858, the account for extra fare and nursing and matron and assistant and the bill for board of children be severally disallowed - and that he be allowed for Hay fees at the jail the sum of twenty nine dollars and eighty cents as by the Schedule on file, and that the remainder of his claim for Hay fees be not allowed. -



The votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Hampden being examined and counted on the first Wednesday of January A.D. 1859. it appears that James E. Russell has three thousand one hundred and forty six. William Rice has three thousand one hundred and twenty four, G. A. Winchester has one and Henry Woodman has one. James E. Russell having received the highest number of votes is declared to be elected. The votes of Holland and Holyoke are rejected the returns being defective. The said James E. Russell appeared and was sworn before Henry S. Brown Esq. Chairman of the County Commissioners and also presented his bond which was approved by the Commissioners and was filed with County Treasurer.

The votes for County Treasurer being also examined and counted it appears that Charles R. Ladd has three thousand four hundred and eighty votes. Solomon C. Spelman has two thousand eight hundred and nine, Joshua Loring has one and Oliver B. Morris one. Charles R. Ladd having received the highest number of votes is declared to be elected. The votes of Holyoke are rejected the returns being defective.

The said Charles R. Ladd appeared and was sworn before Henry S. Brown Esq. Chairman of the County Commissioners and also presented his bond which was approved and filed.

The County Treasurer is authorized to borrow five thousand dollars in anticipation of the County taxes and to give the note of the County therefor.

The County Treasurer is authorized to pay the salary of Calvin Stebbins messenger monthly.



Ordered that Norman J. Leonard of Westfield,  
John R. Hixon and Daniel Gay of Springfield,  
be appointed overseers of the house of  
correction in place of Elijah Blake, Stephen  
C. Brown and William Stone removed.  
(Jan'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1859)

Sundry accounts against the County being  
presented for allowance, amounting to the  
sum of one thousand and eighty five  
dollars and fifteen cents are allowed  
and ordered to be paid from the County  
Treasury.

Hampden Co. March 30<sup>th</sup> 1859

Judgment is entered up according to  
reports &c and all matters not acted  
upon are ordered to be continued  
and this meeting is adjourned without  
day.

Attest

Wm. Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commission-  
-ioners begun and holden at Springfield  
within and for the County of Hampden  
on the second Tuesday of April being the  
twelfth day of the month, and from  
day to day to the fourteenth day of  
said month and by adjournment on  
the third day of May and from day  
to day to the sixth day of May and  
by adjournment on the eighteenth day  
of May and from day to day to the  
twenty first day of said month of May,  
and by adjournment on the first day  
of June and by adjournment on the third  
day of said month of June and by  
adjournment on the sixteenth day of  
said month of June to the seventeenth  
day of said month of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty nine. -

Present Henry T. Brown Esq

Nelson D. Parks ..

Henry Charles ..

County

Commissioners

Selectmen of  
Westfield Pet for  
a new H. Way rather  
+ discontinuance of  
H. Way in West-  
-Springfield

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To the County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden. The undersigned Selectmen of  
Westfield in said County respectfully -  
represent that the highway leading from  
the west line of West Springfield near  
the house of Roswell King to Springfield  
bridge is hilly and inconvenient for public  
travel - They therefore pray that you would  
proceed to view and if found practicable  
locate a road on the southerly side of  
the Western Rail Road from a point in  
the present highway between the house  
of John D. Smith and the river and  
terminating at a point near the Rail  
Road bridge near the old Frost place,



or that you would locate such alterations -  
between the two last mentioned points in  
the existing highway that the travel may  
conveniently pass under the Rail Road  
at the crossing near said Smiths - and at  
the Rock Section, and that you would  
locate such alterations in said highway  
between the west line of West Springfield  
and Springfield bridge as the public conven-  
ience may require. Also that you would  
discontinue the highway recently located  
passing over the hill by Paw Katuc School  
house in said West Springfield and such  
other parts of the existing travelled road  
as any new location or alterations may  
render unnecessary as will ever pray.

Hiram Hull } Selectmen

Geo. H. Mosley } of

Joseph Arnold } Westfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the Second Tuesday  
of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and fifty eight, at which meeting  
the Commissioners deeming a view of the  
premises expedient and proper gave notice  
that they would meet for the purpose of  
said view, at the dwelling house of Roswell  
Hings in Westfield on Tuesday the first  
day of June next, at 9 o'clock, A.M. and it  
was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that a copy of said petition be served by  
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,  
upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield  
and Western Rail Road Corporation in said  
County, thirty days, at least, before the said  
first day of June and that all other persons  
and corporations interested therein be notified,  
by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, in the Springfield Repub-  
-lican a public newspaper printed in said



county, three weeks successively. the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield - fourteen days before said first day of June and that notice be given in manner - aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested. That the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners, - holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight. and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden, ss. April 28<sup>th</sup> 1858

By virtue hereof. I have this day served the within petition & order by giving in hand to White, Town Clerk of West Springfield in said County a true and attested copy thereof, and I have posted up in two public places in said West Springfield true and attested copies of this petition & order as within directed. - and I have this day given in hand to Henry Gray Superintendent of the within named Western Rail Road Corporation a true and attested copy of this petition & order as within directed

S. P. Rowland, D. Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners



of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the second Tuesday of  
April in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and fifty eight.

On the petition of the Delegates of Westfield  
town presented to said Commissioners, repre-  
senting and setting forth that the Highway  
in West Springfield near the house of -  
Rosewell King to Springfield Bridge is hilly  
& inconvenient for public travel & praying  
that a road on the southerly side of the  
Western Rail Road, from a point in the  
present Highway between the house of John  
D. Smith & the river terminating at a point  
near the Rail Road Bridge - near the best  
place, may be located, if found practicable  
or may be located between said termini  
on the existing Highway. Such alterations that  
the travel may conveniently pass under the  
Rail Road at the crossing near said Smith  
& the River section: & also praying that such  
alterations in said Highway between the West  
line of West Springfield & Springfield Bridge may  
be made as public convenience may require,  
& also that the Highway recently located passing  
over the hill by Paw-Katue School house in  
said West Springfield & such other parts  
of the existing traveled road as any new  
location & alteration may require - as by  
said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the  
first day of June then next and nine  
o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of  
Rosewell King in Westfield as the time and  
place for viewing the premises; and caused  
a copy of said petition to be served upon  
the clerk of the town of West Springfield being  
the town within which such highway & alterations  
& discontinuance prayed for & also upon the Western  
Rail Road Corporation, thirty days at least before



the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said first day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the existing highway between the house of Alvan Sibley and Springfield Bridge can be so far amended by specific repairs as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new highway or of altering the location of the existing highway - and also that so much of the petition as asks for a new way south of said Rail Road or that the present way may be altered so as to pass under the Rail Road at the two crossings named is refused, and said Commissioners did further adjudge



that common convenience and necessity do not require that the highway located and the specific repairs ordered on the petition of Wm. S. Rowe and others should be constructed, and that the same should be and the same are hereby discontinued as follows. By the new location commencing near the house of John D. Smith and terminating near the house of Alvin Sibley the specific repairs commencing near the foot of Latham's Hill and near the house of said Sibley and terminating near the foot of Stebbins Hill for a more particular description reference is hereby made to the records of location of said highway and specific repairs as recorded in Book 6, Page 315 of the records of the County Commissioners of said County. - The County Commissioners having heard all persons & corporations interested in relation to damages for said discontinuance who expressed a desire to be heard thereon considered & adjudged that the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) be paid to John D. Smith in full compensation for all damages sustained by him by reason of said discontinuance no other person or corporation being entitled in the opinion of said Commissioners to damages none are awarded.

Henry Fuller }  
Henry F. Brown } County  
Nelson D. Parks } Commissioners

which report being read & considered, was accepted and the discontinuance of the road - and specific repairs on the road as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all



persons and corporations interested therein the said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling-house of Alvin Libbey in West Springfield on Thursday the twenty first day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said specific repairs by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican - a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, That the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield - fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of April at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate as aforesaid - and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. March 17<sup>th</sup> 1859

I have this day made service of the within petition and order by giving in hand to White, Clerk of the town of West Springfield a true and attested copy hereof, and I have also posted up two copies of said petition & order in two public places in said West Springfield as within directed.

J. P. Rowland, D. Sheriff



and now the commissioners make their report  
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of  
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,  
in said County, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and fifty eight.

On the petition of Selectmen of Westfield  
then presented to said Commissioners, repre-  
senting and setting forth that the highway  
from West Springfield line near the house  
of Roswell King to Springfield Bridge is  
hilly and inconvenient for public travel,  
and asking that a new highway may be  
constructed for a part of the route, and  
that such alterations be made in the  
remainder as public convenience requires,  
and that the highway recently located,  
passing over the hill near Pawkatuc  
School House may be discontinued.

as by said petition on file will appear.  
The Commissioners, deeming a view of the  
premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the  
first day of June then next and nine o'clock  
in the forenoon, at the house of Roswell King  
in Westfield as the time and place for  
viewing the premises; and caused a copy  
of said petition to be served upon the  
clerk of the town of West Springfield (and  
the Western Rail Road Corporation) being the  
town within which such highway & discontinuance  
is prayed for, thirty days at least before the  
time appointed for said view; and also  
caused abstracts of said petition, containing  
the substance thereof, to be posted in two  
public places in West Springfield said town;  
and also gave notice to all persons interested  
by causing a copy of said petition to be  
published three weeks successively in the



Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County. Said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition. To all persons interested. Of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said first day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the existing highway between the house of Alvin Sibley and Springfield can be so far amended by specific repairs as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new highway or of altering the location of the existing way, also that so much of the petition as acts for a new highway at the Raie Road Crossing be refused, and that the highway recently located highway over Pawkatue Hill be discontinued as fully set forth in the report of view on file - and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the Twenty first day of April then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Alvin Sibley in said West Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said specific repairs.

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